"All the News That's Fit to Print."

The New York Times.

THE WEATHER
Cloudy, probably local snows today; fair, colder tomorrow; fresh, shifting winds.
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WHITMAN CLEARS UP THE BAFF MURDER

He Is Confident All Guilty of Killing Poultryman Will Be in Jail Soon.

READY TO INDICT NOW

Witness of Crime Who Can Identify Slayers Examined in Secret by District Attorney.

District Attorney Whitman expects to arrest every man implicated in the murder of Barnet Baff, the independent poultryman, who was killed in Washington Market on Nov. 24, within a week at the most. Important developments yesterday gave a new impetus to the investigation of the murder and promised an early solution of the crime. And the trail is leading beyond the New Jersey poultry handlers to Baff's business enemies among the retail buyers in West Washington Market. Assistant District Attorney Delehanty summed up the situation last night in this way:

"If the case develops as fast between now and Monday, when the Grand Jury sits again, as it has developed in the last twenty-four hours, we'll have everything cleared up completely. While we may not ask for indictments on Monday, I think we will be in a position to ask for them if we want to."

Defense Fund for Baff's Slayers.

Two of the most important developments yesterday were the discovery that Baff's enemies had raised a murder defense fund of approximately $5,000 and the finding of an eyewitness who can identify the slayers of Baff and who, it is said, has named them to the District Attorney. Mr. Whitman was closeted with this new witness until 6 o'clock last evening, and when asked who the witness was Mr. Delehanty said: "The District Attorney considers him so important that he does not want his name or address revealed."

This witness was found by the police through information furnished by some of the material witnesses now in custody. Although he had not volunteered his services he consented to accompany detectives to the District Attorney's office, and there he talked freely. Mr. Whitman when the witness was taken in to him, was on the point of going home to prepare for his Christmas, but he had not asked the man half a dozen questions when he ordered that no one else should be admitted to his office and settled himself for a thorough examination of his "find."

It was learned that at least $250 of the murder fund raised by Baff's enemies went to pay the two gunmen who shot Baff, and the rest was held in reserve to hire a lawyer for any one of the conspirators who might need one. The contributors and the man who collected the fund are known to the police and to the District Attorney, but Mr. Whitman would say nothing about this phase of the case.

Son's Charges Upheld.

It was admitted in the District Attorney's office that the new developments established the theory of the murder that had been held since the beginning that Barnet Baff was done to death by a combination of his business rivals and the poultry handlers who work in the New Jersey freight yards. The men whom Harry Baff, the dead man's son, has all along accused of the murder are the guilty ones, according to the evidence now in the hands of the District Attorney.

The fear felt a few days ago that it would be impossible to obtain evidence against the men "higher up" who inspired the murder seemed to have disappeared yesterday. Mr. Delehanty's confidence that the case would be cleared up completely was taken to mean that all angles of the crime would be solved. The first big lead in the case came yesterday when Carl Rettich, the young Hoboken bartender arrested Tuesday for contempt of court, started to talk. When taken before the Grand Jury and Mr. Whitman on Tuesday he was stubborn and morose, refusing absolutely to tell what he knew. He was locked up in the Tombs on Tuesday night for contempt of court, and taken before the Grand Jury again on Wednesday morning. This time he was more tractable, but he still withheld important information. On Wednesday afternoon he was questioned again by Mr. Whitman, and he yielded much essential information. Mr. Whitman was well pleased on Wednesday night, and ordered that Rettich should be taken before the Grand Jury yesterday morning.

Father Urges Bartender to Tell.

Before the young man went into the Grand Jury room, however, his father, Emil Rettich, who owns the saloon in which the son tended bar, came over from Hoboken and had a long talk with the prisoner. The father urged his son to hold back nothing, to tell everything he knew without reservation, and to trust to the District Attorney for protection. Then the young man was taken before the Grand Jury and he began to talk. He was questioned by Assistant District Attorney Murphy for an hour and word was sent to Mr. Whitman, who was in his office.

"That fellow's talking his head off, he's telling everything," was the message that Mr. Whitman received. The details of the man's story, so far as it had gone, showed Mr. Whitman that he had learned only a part of what young Rettich had to tell and convinced him of the necessity for immediate action by the police.

So young Rettich was withdrawn from the Grand Jury room and taken into Mr. Whitman's private office, his father accompanying him to encourage him. Mr. Whitman spent several hours with the father and son, and then he began to obtain information so fast that the services of half a dozen Assistant District Attorneys and several squads of detectives were required.

"Rettich," said one of Mr. Whitman's assistants, "can tell the whole story of the murder—from start to finish. He knows it all. And I believe he will tell all he knows."

Whitman Questions Eye-Witness.

The new eye-witness to the crime whom Mr. Whitman considered of such importance was taken to the Criminal Court Building after Rettich had finished his talk with the District Attorney. He had held back, he said, because of a desire not to "get mixed up" in the case, but once he was invited to the District Attorney's office he talked without reserve. He will be one of the first to testify before the Grand Jury when it meets next Monday morning.

In addition to young Rettich, William Simon, a poultry merchant, and Simon Weintraul, the weighmaster of the Live Poultry Auction Company, of which H. A. Emerson, Baff's friend, was the head, were witnesses before the Grand Jury. Also the books of the Live Poultry Dealers' Protective Association, of which M. M. Frankel is the Secretary, were examined further by the jurors, and, according to an Assistant District Attorney, they furnished "information relevant to the case."

The Live Poultry Dealers' Protective

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RED BALL UP AND ICE FINE.

Only Central Park Closed to Skaters, and It May Be Opened Today.

The red ball will be up in the Bronx and Brooklyn today but skating in Central Park will depend upon the thickness of ice that Superintendent Beatty finds today when he goes to measure it.

Yesterday morning found a few places where the ice was four inches thick, the minimum of safety, both on the big lake and Harlem Mere, but it tapered to three inches or less, and the park authorities will not permit anyone on until the sheet is four inches thick all over.

However, skating began yesterday at Van Cortlandt and Crotona Parks in the Bronx, and will continue today, and Commissioner Ingersoll threw open Prospect Park, Brooklyn, yesterday. The finest sheet of ice in ten years, is the way Mr. Ingersoll described it. Arrangements have been made for ice hockey and curling. In addition, skating will be permitted today in Dyker Beach, Sunset, and McCarren Parks, and children only in McKinley and Highland Parks and Red Hook, McLaughlin, Bushwick, and Highland Playgrounds.

SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS.

Forecaster Predicts Day Will Be Mild and Cloudy.

The forecaster at the Weather Bureau said last night that Christmas would be mild and cloudy, with a little snow in the forenoon. The temperature will not go below 27 degrees today, he thinks, but it will be colder tonight and fair tomorrow.

A cold wave from Canada is felt already in the North Central States, and will probably reach New York later.

JAPAN'S PART IN THE WAR.

Not Asked to Send an Army, but Sent $5,000,000 Worth of Arms.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—During the course of an interpellation today the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Takaaki Kato, declared that no country has asked Japan to send an army to Europe.

The War Minister, Lieut. Gen. Oka, said that the Japanese had sent arms to Europe to the value of 10,000,000 yen, ($5,000,000.)

THAW CIGARS FOR SHERIFF.

"Best Securities My Friends," He Tells White Plains Jailer.

Special to The New York Times.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Sheriff William J. Doyle, who has twice been the custodian of Harry K. Thaw during his detention in the County Jail, received a box of cigars from Thaw yesterday and a card which read:

"My best securities are my friends, a Merry Christmas to a friend of mine."

STOCK YARDS' BIG YEAR.

More Than 16,000,000 Animals Sold for Food for $409,134,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—More than 16,000,000 animals for human consumption were sold for $409,134,000 spot cash in Chicago during this year, according to figures made public at the Union Stock Yards today.

Records for last week show that there were received and sold for cash 70,394 cattle, 6,354 calves, 230,600 hogs, 133,119 sheep, and 1,980 horses, making a total of 442,453 animals, or 7,332 carloads of live stock, bringing $11,134,210. During the year the arrivals numbered 16,452,807 head in 257,701 cars.

EGYPTIAN GEMS TO BOSTON.

Amethyst Necklace of Sat-Hathor-Ant en Route to the Museum.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—An amethyst necklace, believed to have been worn by Crown Princess Sat-Hathor-Ant in the twelfth Egyptian dynasty, is on its way to the Museum of Fine Arts, according to a letter received today by W. C. Winslow of the Egyptian Research Account Society.

Dr. Flinders Petrie, the field Secretary of the society, who has forwarded the necklace, says in the letter that it is one of the finest he has ever seen, the settings of the stone being gold amulets of unique workmanship.

ASKS TRIAL OF CHARLTON.

Bryan Tells Ambassador to Take Up the Matter with Authorities.

The trial of Porter Charlton for the murder of his wife at Como, Italy, has again been postponed, according to cable advices received here yesterday by Charlton's attorney. Charlton has now been in prison in Italy for more than a year and a half. He was in jail in Hoboken for two years prior to his extradition.

It also became known yesterday that depositions to be used in the trial have recently been taken in various sections of this country. The testimony of the witnesses here had to do principally with events in the life of the murdered woman.

Charlton's attorney, John Palmieri, said that, upon his protest, Secretary of State Bryan had recently cabled to the American Ambassador at Rome instructions to take up with the Italian authorities the question of procuring an immediate trial for Charlton.

GAMBLE ON SHIP'S CAPTURE.

German and Englishman in Buenos Aires Bet on Vasari's Trip.

Passengers arriving last night on the Lamport & Holt steamship Vasari from South America said that four days before the ship sailed from Buenos Aires an advertisement signed "A Sport" appeared in the Prenza which read:

"I am ready to bet any amount up to $2,500 that the Vasari will never arrive in New York."

The following day another advertisement signed "A Mutual Sport" appeared in the paper in reply to the challenge. It read:

"I will take up the bet to the full amount."

Later it was discovered that the first notice was inserted by Ernst von Holpsmann, a wealthy leather merchant, and that the second was inserted by Robertson Handford, a well-known beef exporter of Buenos Aires, who increased the amount of the wager to $3,500, which was accepted by the challenger.

The wager meant that the Vasari would either be captured or sunk by the Germans, as the fight off the Falkland Islands had not then taken place. The passengers said that they were glad Handford had won.

The Vasari brought 36,528 quarters of beef, which is the biggest consignment of frozen beef that ever arrived here in one vessel. She had 5,842 carcasses, also, of Argentine sheep in her refrigerator.

COAST LINE'S "FLORIDA SPECIAL." Florida's Finest Train, 2:12 P. M., effective Jan. 4th. 3 other Ltd. Trains Daily: 9:15 A. M., 3:34, 9:30 P. M. 1,218 B'way.—Advt.

WILL TRY TO MAKE THE CAPITAL DRY

Prohibition Bill for District, Needing Only a Majority Vote, Will Now Be Pushed.

SUFFRAGE FIGHT IN JANUARY

House Poll Shows Votes for Women Won't Get Even a Majority, Mrs. Dodge Declares.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Encouraged by the fact that their cause received a majority of the votes cast in the House of Representatives Tuesday night for the Hobson proposal to submit a prohibition constitutional amendment to the States, prohibitionists in Congress intend to press pending bills to establish prohibition in the District of Columbia. The House vote encourages them to believe that the effort will be successful. The District of Columbia is under the exclusive jurisdiction of Congress and a prohibition bill would require only a majority of both Houses instead of the two-thirds necessary to adopt a resolution to submit a prohibition amendment to the States.

There are two estimates of the consequences to the prohibition movement from the recent action of the House. One was voiced by Representative Henry of Texas, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, who opposed the amendment but advocated that the House vote upon it. Mr. Henry said that prohibition was now dead for twenty years and that it could never again in that period gain headway enough to raise its head in Congress. Representative Hobson, who commanded the prohibition cohorts in the House, asserts that the prohibition amendment will be voted on in the next Congress but probably will not receive support enough to carry.

There are now fourteen prohibition States, of which five adopted prohibition since the election of the membership of the present House. These States are counted on to remain steadfastly in the prohibition column. Of the 107 new members in the House in the next Congress only eleven will come from the prohibition States, and they were not elected as prohibition candidates. Of those who opposed the Hobson amendment, 138 were elected to the Sixty-fourth Congress.

As it requires only 146 votes in the negative to defeat a proposition in a membership of 435 in the House on a two-thirds vote, it seems, on the face of things, that the opposition to prohibition will have to get only a few votes to defeat the amendment, and there will be ninety-six new members who will enter the next House free to decide for themselves. It is therefore the opinion of the prohibitionists themselves that they cannot hope to win in the next Congress. They say this without hesitation, and predict that their campaign work must go on probably through several Congressional campaigns before they will muster strength enough in Congress to attain even a probability of success.

The question of woman suffrage will be taken up in the House on Jan. 10. This matter will be passed on in the form of a proposed amendment to the Constitution, to submit which to the States will require the assent of two-thirds of the Senate and the House. It must be ratified by three-fourths of the States in order to be incorporated in the Constitution. Suffragists and anti-suffragists are conducting an active campaign.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge of New York, President of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, said tonight that a poll of the House, which had been made by three men for the antis, showed that, instead of getting the necessary two-thirds, the proposed suffrage amendment would not muster even a bare majority of the votes cast.

"We believe," Mrs. Dodge said, "that the poll our representatives have made of the membership of the House is absolutely accurate, because each member has been seen and has either answered our inquiry as to how he stood on the bill or has refused to commit himself. Therefore, we have divided the members into three classes—those for the woman suffrage resolution, those against it, and those who are non-committal. Those for it number 128, those against it 198, and those non-committal 106. From this it is evident that the suffrage resolution is bound to be defeated overwhelmingly. This strength of the suffragists is minimized by the fact that most of it comes from the eleven States which have the full or partial franchise for women.

"The vote in the House on the resolution after the Christmas holidays will be important, not because there is any danger of a suffrage victory, but because it is essential for the suffrage leaders and advertisers not to be able to say to the country that a big vote in their favor in the House means that there is a tremendous demand in the country for suffrage."

Democratic Leader Underwood predicted tonight that when the proposed Constitutional amendment for woman suffrage reached a vote in the House it would be defeated probably by a two-thirds vote.

"I shall vote against it and so will most of the Democrats in the House," said Mr. Underwood. "The party by caucus action has gone on record as holding that woman suffrage, like prohibition, is a State issue and not a national question. It is a question for the States themselves to act upon and not for Congress."

It is generally understood that the suffrage resolution will be voted on soon after the passage of the Post Office Appropriation bill and as early in January as possible. The House Rules Committee already has voted to present the rule for its consideration, largely through the insistence of Republican members of the committee.

A telegram was received today by the Rules Committee from the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Anti-Suffrage Organization urging the defeat of the suffrage amendment.

ARIZONA DRY JAN. 1.

Federal Court Refuses to Enjoin Enforcement of New Law.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect Jan. 1. The special United States tribunal, from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement, refused to issue such injunctions in a brief decision rendered today.

Appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken at once. Immediately after the decision was rendered attorneys for the Rev. Thomas Connelly, a Catholic priest of Tucson, and for other petitioners, moved to stay the execution of the law pending the outcome of the appeal to the United States Supreme Court. This motion was denied, thus clearing the way for the law to become effective on the date set, Jan. 1.

The decision reads: "In cases like this, where a court is asked to interfere with a State law, the evidence should be particularly clear and convincing. This was not the case in the present instance."

There were four applications for injunction. One was filed by the Rev. Mr. Connolly, who alleged that the prohibition law infringed on constitutional religious rights, in that it would prohibit the importation of wine for sacramental purposes. The others were filed by druggists and liquor dealers, who held that the law was confiscatory. In defense of the law representatives of the State declared that no court could rule that it would interfere with the use of wine in established religious ceremonies.

Maeterlinck Appeals to America

Begs us to save what is left of Belgium. Prof. ALBERT BUSHNELL HART of Harvard discusses the neutrality of Belgium, and Dr. Wm. Hirsch dissects the situation in Europe and finds England to blame. In

NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES

Order in advance. The Times is always sold out early.

REVOLT IN MANILA PROMPTLY CHECKED

Police Gather In 150 Plotters and Get Confession of Plan to Kill Americans.

MALCONTENTS OPENED FIRE

But Authorities Were Ready—Eight Rebels with Officers' Commissions. —Washington Skeptical of Revolt

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—An insurrection broke out last night in the Manila suburb of Navotas. The Governor of Rizal and his force captured the Navotas revolters and they were disarmed unharmed.

The Manila police were fired on in the Botanical Gardens. Eight officers with Ricarte commissions, revolvers, bolos, and Katipunan flags were captured. One hundred and fifty are in the city's dragnet.

The prisoners confess a plot to kill Americans at 4 o'clock this morning.

The army and constabulary are co-operating in the provinces. Rumors of Bulacan troubles are not confirmed.

Preparations to Meet Revolt.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MANILA, Dec. 23.—A Government vessel today distributed riot guns and ammunition to the American civilians on Carabao and Fraile Islands in the bay. One hundred rounds of ammunition and the necessary field equipment have been issued to the soldiers in the Cuartel España in Manila.

Several barrels shipped to Corregidor Island supposed to contain cement were found to be full of bolos. Two native scout officers disarmed their companies and confined them at Corregidor. The plan was to free the prisoners by a sudden night attack, to overpower the scant guards, man the guns and capture the island. The date had been fixed between Christmas and New Year's; if nipped the uprising was to be postponed until March.

In the last few months there has been an enormous increase in the so-called Boy Scout organizations composed in greater part of full grown men. They have been noticed drilling throughout the Manila provinces.

The authorities remain silent.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In answer to inquiries last night about a Manila dispatch to THE TIMES, telling of an expected revolt, Secretary Garrison said there was absolutely nothing here to confirm reports of insurrection, and that Governor General Harrison's cablegram of Tuesday denying TIMES and Herald dispatches about plans for revolution contained everything official that had come to the Government on the subject. Secretary Garrison dictated the following:

I have been asked about a dispatch received by THE NEW YORK TIMES from Manila concerning alleged insurrections and outbreaks in and near Manila.

There is absolutely not one word concerning this matter here. I have received no dispatch from the Philippines containing any information whatever, except the one that I gave out from the Governor General stating that there was no foundation known to him for these reports.

I think it is a natural assumption, in view of my telegram to him asking what basis there was for these reports, that if there was any truth in this latest report to THE TIMES, the Governor General would undoubtedly have immediately informed me of the facts.

I cannot help but believe that this sort of information is being cabled to the United States for the purpose of influencing the legislation now pending in Congress. I cannot imagine any other reason, for I am unable to ascertain that there is any truth whatever in these reports. LINDLEY M. GARRISON, Secretary of War.

Gen. McIntyre, Chief of Insular Affairs Bureau, insists that nothing has come here to confirm Manila press reports.

COTTON X-RAYED FOR GUNS.

Bales for Germany Pictured to Prove Contraband Absent.

For the first time in the history of this port X-ray photographs were taken yesterday of bales of cotton to discover if they contained any contraband of war before being shipped on the Savannah liner City of Macon for Bremen. The vessel was loading at Pier 35, East River, where 10,000 bales were in the shed ready for shipment to Germany.

Sir Courtenay Walter Bennett, the British Consul General in New York, said he had not requested the shippers to take the X-ray photographs of the cotton, but that they had done it of their own initiative to facilitate the landing of the cotton in Germany.

"These X-ray photographs, together with my signature to the certificate that the cargo corresponds with the manifest, to the best of my knowledge and belief," said the Consul General, "will be of great assistance to the Captain in getting his ship passed by the British and French warships on guard in the English Channel. Without the X-ray pictures there might have arisen doubt as to whether guns or other contraband articles were concealed in the bales."

All day long the photographers were at work with a powerful machine taking pictures of the bales. Prints will be made from the plates for the Captain to take with him.

PULITZERS IN AUTO CRASH.

With Jay Gould, Their Car Hit Mr. Donahue's Car, Ahead.

An automobile in which Jay Gould, Ralph Pulitzer, Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer, and J. S. Douglas were riding crashed into the rear end of another automobile at Broadway and Botanic Place, Flushing, last night, damaging both cars, but not hurting any of the passengers severely.

The automobile that was struck was being driven by J. Cyril Donahue, son of Joseph Donahue, a banker of Whitestone. The cars were put out of commission, but both parties sent for other machines and drove off.

The Reputation of Deerfoot Farm Sausages has caused many imitations. Examine the wrapper and be sure you get the GENUINE—the finest pork sausages made. They contain the best parts of the pig, flavored with choicest spices. New York Store, 173 Chambers Street. Tel. [illegible] Cortlandt.—Advt.

BOUGHT HER A GIFT WITH HIS BLOOD

Columbia Boy Gave Up 8 Ounces to Purchase Christmas Present for Girl.

GOT $25 FROM HOSPITAL

Fewer Jobs Open to Students This Year—Barnard Girls Do Housework and Sewing.

Eight ounces of blood helped to buy a friend of a Columbia student a Christmas present this year. Pressed for funds but determined that his "best girl" should have a holiday gift, this student jumped at the chance offered by St. Luke's Hospital to furnish this amount of blood for one of their patients in return for a check for $25.

No sooner had he divulged to a few of his friends at the university that a little blood would open up the coffers of St. Luke's Hospital than many of the students quickly besieged the hospital for a chance to offer up their blood in return for the dollars which would buy Christmas presents.

The first news of this new line of employment for Columbia students came in an interview yesterday with Paul C. Holter, the new Secretary of the Employment Committee at the university, who declined to give the student's name.

The money stringency which has been felt throughout the country has had a telling effect on the Employment Committee at Columbia and the number of jobs open to the students has fallen off nearly one-third. This has been especially hard on students at this time, for many counted upon obtaining jobs from department stores and other stores during the holiday rush. These places this year were filled by clerks whom the stores had laid off several months ago when the war started.

Many of the students, however, did not give up when they found that some of the more agreeable forms of employment were not open to them. Practically anything that came along that offered real money was accepted.

Fifty, who are of fine physique, found remunerative places for the holidays as models throughout the city. One student, Mr. Holter stated, obtained a highly remunerative place on his exceptional good looks.

Many of the students got jobs taking care of furnaces and waiting on tables, and in innumerable other ways have help to eke out an existence and still send presents home.

The girls of Barnard and Teachers' College were not far behind the college lads in accepting any sort of places which would help them pay expenses. In other years it has been considered easy for deserving girls to obtain places as companions or tutors in this city. It has been a different story this Fall, however, and many girls, according to Mr. Holter, who had formerly acted as companions, are now turning their hands to housework and sewing.

DEPORTATION FOR WESSELS

Charge of Espionage Withdrawn, He Will Leave Jamaica.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—Louis Wessels will not be tried on the charge of having in his possession information that would be of service to an enemy Government.

The authorities having decided to withdraw the charges, he will leave Jamaica in accordance with a deportation order. His firm will continue to do business, however, under the name of Wessels & Nephew.

Louis Wessels, formerly head of the commission house of Wessels, Kulenkampff & Co. of this city, is a British subject, who, at the time of the outbreak of the war, was in charge of the Jamaica branch of the house. His difficulties with the Colonial Government grew out of the clearing of the steamship Lorenzo from New York in the name of Gustave Kulenkampff. The ship was loaded with coal, which, the Jamaica authorities asserted, was transferred to the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

THREE DIE IN FLOODS.

Railroad Traffic in Arizona Paralyzed—Rivers Still Rising.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Three persons, one of whom was Walter Fortune, a Supervisor of Santa Cruz County, were drowned near here in the floods caused by six days of rain, which ceased today. Telegraphic communication between Nogales and outside points has been restored after two days of isolation. Railroad traffic still is paralyzed. All bridges between here and Benson have been washed out.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Residents of Buckeye, Sentinel, Arlington, Welton, and other towns on the Gila River began seeking higher ground today as a result of warnings issued by the Weather Bureau that the river, already at the highest stage known, would continue to rise. All rivers in the southern and central parts of the State were still rising rapidly today.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 24.—The Santa Cruz River is at the highest stage reached in a generation. The San Pedro River, west of Bisbee, now is a stream nearly a mile wide. Other streams are swollen in proportion. Railroad tracks have been washed out, buildings flooded or carried away and property damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars by the floods.

WILL STAY NEAR DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Donaldson Bound to Get Child "If It Takes Ten Years."

Special to The New York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Keith Donaldson, who summoned her mother-in-law into court the other day following her arrest on complaint of the elder woman on charges of assault and battery growing out of Mrs. Donaldson's attempt to gain possession of her daughter here, learned today that her suit to recover $400 back alimony from her divorced husband had been settled.

"It does not seem like Christmas to me," she said today after she had taken apartments near her mother-in-law in order to be near her daughter, "but I shall stay here until I get possession of the child if it takes ten years. I haven't any friends here and I thought that if I were close to the house where my daughter is I might be able to see her or have a word with her for Christmas. But it wasn't to be."

XMAS. THE ALLTOGETHER POUCH holds pipe and tobacco. At the Schulte Stores. —Advt.

CHRISTMAS CHEER IN THE TRENCHES

Bottle of Champagne for Every Four Frenchmen, Plum Puddings for British.

JOLLITY BACK OF FIRING LINE

Folks at Home Deprive Themselves to Send Comforts—Quiet Celebration in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Christmas at the front will be as cheerful and comfortable as the love and self-denial of wellnigh every family in France can make it. The spirit of those at home is not to give presents to one another, but to unite and give all to the son, father, or brother serving with the flag.

Many a family in France probably will dine meagrely tonight and tomorrow because of the packages of soft woolen things and boxes of delicacies which have gone to the kinsmen at the front. Then there are field glasses, wrist watches, sleeping bags, and an amazing variety of campaign conveniences.

The military administration has been most considerate in providing transport, so that all this month numerous cars loaded with holiday packages were among the long supply trains back of the army.

Many a lone soldier without a family has received various packages of things to eat, wear, smoke, or drink from societies and from the Government. The Ministry of War, among other things, is sending a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers at the front.

All the plum puddings in the shops of Paris have been taken by the French military to send to the British soldiers. The Belgian refugees, especially the children, are being so overfed that the committees in charge of them have postponed by agreement various dinners and entertainments, so as to extend them over the next ten days.

King Albert of Belgium has sent a box of twenty-five cigars to each of the Belgian soldiers. All the hospitals have arranged concerts, recitations, and stereopticon shows for convalescing soldiers.

The American Ambulance is bright with holly and mistletoe. Mme. Poincaré, wife of the President of France, has sent 3,000 packages of toys, candy, and clothing to 3,000 Alsace-Lorraine children who live in the territories reconquered by France.

The French Government is delivering great quantities of packages from Germany to prisoners of war. For the most part they are useful things, like blankets, underwear, and woolen socks. Similar deliveries, it is understood, will be made by the German authorities to French prisoners.

While the men actually in the trenches will have to maintain the same strained alertness that they observe every day, and while there will doubtless be fierce fighting at certain points on the front, yet from 1,500 to 2,000 yards back of the infantry firing line arrangements have been made for plenty of jollity, which will include a chicken dinner and champagne to drink with it. New Year's Day is a greater holiday in France than is Christmas, and if the military situation permits it, Gen. Joffre, the French Commander in Chief, will give orders that the soldiers serving in the trenches tomorrow shall not have to be there on the first day of the new year.

Where the French and German trenches are close together, there may be brief unofficial truces by common agreement for short periods of time. These understandings have not been unknown on other days, and they may be more frequent on Christmas Day.

It is likely that at midnight open-air masses will be celebrated at many places back of the lines on rough altars.

PARIS'S GAIETY GONE.

Even Restaurants Not Allowed to Keep Open Longer Than Usual.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—For the first time in decades Paris has foregone her famous Christmas Eve celebration—"le Réveillon," when cafés and restaurants remained open all night, dazzling with lights and the jewels of beautiful women; when pierrots and harlequins danced through the boulevards, followed by huge crowds in all sorts of bizarre attire; when life was so efervescent that such things as home dinners and gift giving had to wait over until New Year's. For the first time has the day ceased to be a fête and the real solemnity of the occasion become manifest.

It proves, almost as much as the manner in which the French went to war, that there is indeed a new France. Walking the silent, almost deserted boulevards today with a well-known French journalist, I asked his opinion as to whether Paris would ever again be like the Paris of old. He shook his head decidedly and said:

"Some of its gayety will return with time, for that is the French temperament, but the old Paris of vice, extravagance, and folly is gone forever. It will not be allowed to return."

On reports of Christmas festivities at other war centres there was a faint-hearted effort to persuade the Military Governor, Gen. Gallieni, to allow the restaurants to stay open later than 10 o'clock. His reply was: "It is useless to suggest such a thing while a single German soldier is left in France."

In 1870 the day was celebrated, and almost immediately came the beginning of the end. There seems almost a superstition in authoritative circles against permitting anything to parallel those disastrous days. So home dinners and gift-giving in a modest sort of way have become the order of things. There is scarcely a home in France not represented in the trenches, hospitals, or recent graves, so along with unshaken confidence in the allied armies a note of solemnity and sadness prevails.

The majority of gifts for the soldiers, estimated at more than a million packages, have been sent to the Military Bureau for distribution during the last few days. The military authorities allow no home leave for Christmas, as do the British to a portion of their army, but will furnish an extra ration of goose to every soldier.

Although sidewalk booths are open on the boulevards as in former years, their wares are mostly military toys for children. Among the most popular is a pig to represent the Kaiser, with mustache and helmet. The pig is inflated, and when deflated squeals horribly. There are Indian, Belgian, English, and French toy soldiers, also a fascinating game called "Chasing the Taube," in which a French aeroplane pursues a German one and finally brings it down. The department stores are fairly crowd-

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AUSTRIANS TORPEDO A FRENCH CRUISER

Vessel Not Badly Damaged—French Submarine Sunk by Shore Batteries.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—An official communication issued today by the French Minister of Marine says:

"An Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the Strait of Otranto, one of them exploding forward. The damage done to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew was injured."

AMSTERDAM, (via London,) Dec. 24.—An official telegram received here today from Vienna says:

"Our submarine No. 12 attacked on Dec. 21 a French squadron composed of sixteen ships in the Otranto Channel. The submarine twice successfully torpedoed two battleships of the Courbet type, but the consequent confusion among the hostile squadron, the dangerous proximity of some of the ships, and the high sea running, rendered it impossible for the submarine to establish with certainty the fate of the torpedoed ships.

"The French submarine Gurie was fired upon by our coast batteries [at Cattaro?] without having been able to deliver any attack. The members of her crew were imprisoned."

The Straits of Otranto, forty miles wide, lie between the "heel" of Italy and Albania.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Foreign office dispatches received tonight by the Austro-Hungarian Embassy here confirmed the Vienna announcement of the submarine attack upon French battleships in the Strait of Otranto, giving the date as Dec. 21, and told of the sinking of an enemy submarine by shore batteries.

TRENCHES BLOTTED OUT BY 600 FRENCH GUNS

Not a German Escaped the Fire of Gen. Joffre's Massed Heavy Artillery.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Gen. Joffre, the French commander in chief, said to Cols. Ignatieff and Yarde-Buller, the Russian and English military attachés at the field headquarters of the French Army, three or four days ago: "Come with me and you will see something never seen before in war."

The military attachés accompanied the General to a place near the lines not far from Arras. There 600 pieces of heavy artillery had been placed in a position so as to bear upon a comparatively short section of German intrenchments. The ranges had already been found.

At a word from Gen. Joffre, repeated by his aides telephonically, the 600 pieces opened a sustained fire upon the German works and the spaces just behind them.

After a quarter of an hour the French infantry charged. Not a hostile shot met them. Not a bayonet gleamed over the edge of the works. The trenches were actually torn to pieces as though by gigantic ploughshares.

Dead and wounded men, half buried, littered the line where formerly had been the trenches. The few alive were struggling to free themselves from heaps of earth. Those who had tried to run were caught by the horrible spray of bursting shells in the rear of the German trenches. Probably not a man defending that part of the line escaped.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE

Tells Danes She Hopes the War May End Before Holidays of 1915.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—Queen Alexandra has sent the following Christmas message, through the London correspondent of the National Tidende of Copenhagen, to the Danish people:

"I am happy to send Christmas greetings to the people of my dear native land. I wish that this frightful war may be finished before next Christmas and that the peace and toleration which England always strove for may again prevail in the world."

THE POPE IS HOPEFUL OF PARTIAL SUCCESS

Belligerents May Agree to Exchange Wounded Who Are Unable to Fight Again.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict today received the members of the Sacred College in solemn audience for the exchange of Christmas greetings, the ceremony being attended with pomp similar to that in the time of Pope Leo.

Addressing the Cardinals, the Pontiff expressed his regret at the absence of some of the Prelates owing to illness, referring especially to Cardinals Agliardi and Martinelli. He added that the latest news regarding the health of Cardinal Agliardi made it apparent that his recovery would be speedy.

His Holiness said that, while his efforts to bring about the exchange of all prisoners of war seemed to have failed, he still hoped to have some measure of success in this direction. He was now endeavoring to prevent unnecessary suffering by arranging for the exchange of wounded prisoners whose condition was such that they would be unable again to serve in the war.

The Pope's address dealt entirely with the horrors of the war and the efforts he had made for peace or to mitigate suffering. These efforts, he said, had weighed upon him more than any other tasks incumbent upon him by reason of his position.

Publicly and privately, the Pontiff said, he had left no way untried to show that there was a need and a desire for peace. He also had suggested a short Christmas truce.

Unfortunately, he added, Christian initiative had failed, but he was not discouraged. He intended to continue his every effort to hasten the end of the unequaled calamity or to alleviate its sad consequences.

The Pontiff then spoke hopefully of his project for an exchange of wounded prisoners incapable of fighting further. He asked pastors and individuals to redouble their prayers in public and in private for a cessation of the war, to the end that "when the fratricidal arms fall to the ground the hands that hold them may be returned to the labors of civilization and peace."

GREEN STRIPE SCOTCH IN NON-REFILLABLE BOTTLES. ANDREW USHER & CO., Edinburgh.—Advt.

RUSSIANS HOLD INVADERS BACK

Von Hindenburg's Great Drive Toward Warsaw Checked in Battles Along Three Rivers.

GERMANS RETAKE MLAWA

Possibility That Another Attempt at Outflanking from the Northwest May Be Made.

AUSTRIANS HARD PRESSED

Heavy Defeats Inflicted on Them in Galicia and More Przemysl Sorties Repulsed.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Instead of the Christmas truce which Pope Benedict endeavored to arrange, Christmas Eve finds the armies of the belligerent powers engaged in fierce battles on both the eastern and western fronts and all Europe celebrating the anniversary in a subdued manner.

In the west the Allies' hammer is tapping at the German intrenchments, trying to find a weak point, while in the east the Russians, who have been driven back from the Austrian and German frontiers, seemingly have been brought to bay behind rivers which offer them natural lines of defense, and, turning, have counter-attacked the Austro-German forces which aimed at their undoing.

The Germans, in their great rush toward Warsaw, under direction of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, drove the Russians over the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, and they themselves succeeded in crossing these rivers, but, according to the Russians' report, the Germans there reached the main Russian line and were routed. From this report it is gathered that the Germans directed their main attacks against the Russian front, which lies along the banks of the Bzura River, and thence southward to the Pilica River, where they were also thrown back.

Along the rest of the front, south to the Carpathian Mountains, the Russians claim similar victories, but on the East Prussian frontier the Germans apparently have turned the scales on their adversaries, and, after having retreated into their own territory, resumed the offensive, and again are back in Mlawa, whence they originally tried to outflank the Russian forces north of the Vistula and work their way to Warsaw from the north.

Even now it is possible that the Germans have resumed their outflanking tactics, and while keeping the Russian centre busy by making frontal attacks, are hoping to get into Warsaw by the back door. All that is certain at present is that the two armies, whose numbers can only be roughly estimated, are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the world's history on a front which extends from East Prussia to the Carpathians and in which the advantage sways first to one side and then to the other.

Military experts say that one of the advantages the Russians retain is that they hold the right bank of the Vistula as far west as Plock and thus can prevent the Germans from using the river for keeping their army supplied, and that along the whole of the rest of the front they have rivers and streams to fall behind, when hard pressed. This, however, will all be changed, the experts say, when the rivers freeze and the armies can be moved over them as easily as over the land.

GERMAN LOSSES GREAT.

Attack Upon Attack Made Against Russian Lines in Vain.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24, (Dispatch to The London Morning Post.)—Tuesday's fighting on the whole line in the east was favorable to Russia, but, as usual, the principal successes were scored against the Austrian part of the Germanic lines. About 100 officers and 8,000 other prisoners have been taken, with guns, and Maxims, in Galicia and the Carpathians. The hardest fighting was on the Russian right, where the Germans for twenty-four hours made repeated attempts to force a passage across the rivers Bzura and Rawka.

Their principal attempts were made, naturally, at points where main roads cut rivers or where roads are strongly defended and at points in the neighborhood of those roads. Thus, at the village of Mistrzhevitse, from Bolimow to Skierniewice, and again opposite to Skierniewice itself, a series of most determined attacks was made, involving enormous losses, without other result. At every point the Russians flung them back beyond the river and compelled them to get behind their original positions. Around the attempted point of crossing the Rawka River opposite Skierniewice alone more than 2,000 German dead were counted. Considerable service was done for the Russians here by their armored motor batteries, which I have had occasion to mention before.

South of the above points the success of the Russians was even more marked. Six or seven miles west of Novo Miasto, on the left bank of the Pilica, the fighting was most stubborn, but on the right bank the Russians drove back the Germans as far as the line Opoczno to Massow.

Sorties of the Przemysl garrison are now becoming almost of daily occurrence, and invariably with appalling loss of life. In the last sortie several companies were entirely routed and their Maxims captured and turned upon them until those left alive surrendered. A couple of miles of field railway was the war booty taken on the last occasion of a sortie. The Maxim belts taken here were found loaded with a proportion of explosive bullets, of which the gerrison this time got the benefit themselves.

In East Prussia the curious incident occurred of a German officer who rode up to the Russian outposts and surrendered himself. The Russians are about eighty miles inside German territory, and make every step good as they proceed. For some weeks past the main efforts here have been concentrated against Fort Boyren, which commands the passes through the Masur lakes.

On the Mlawa front two sub-Lieutenants and seven men who were out scouting approached a German artillery bivouac, and, firing simultaneously, created a panic. Guns were abandoned by the startled artillerymen, and the Russian scouts brought home with them a ten-inch howitzer, all complete.

BERLIN CONFIDENT OF GAINS IN EAST

Finds Comfort in the Austrian Reports of Battles in the Carpathians.

BERLIN, Dec. 24, (By wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—Among the items given out for publication today by the German Official Press Bureau were the following:

"While there is general confidence that the Germans and their ally are making progress along the extended battle line in the East there is no indication either in the German or the Austrian official reports that any marked advantage has been won.

"Indeed, it is noticeable that Vienna uses the adjective 'favorable' in referring to the battles in the Carpathians, but contents itself with saying that the severe battle along the lower Dunajec River and on the Krosno-Tuchnow line continues.

"Strikingly frank and interesting is the official Vienna report concerning the Austrian withdrawal from Servia, which was due to the terrible conditions of the country and the weather, and also the fact that the Servians had been reinforced. The Austrians lost considerable in the retreat, but the spirit of their army is unsurpassable. The report also brings the first news that Field Marshal Oskar Potiorek has been relieved of command of the Austrian Army on account of his health.

"The situation in the West has not materially changed, despite the desperate efforts of the Allies.

"Several French papers have alleged that Herr Bode, Director General of the Prussian Museum, brought the famous picture 'Adam and Eve,' by Van Dyck, from Brussels to Berlin. It is officially declared that the picture was left at Brussels, where the public art collection will be reopened shortly.

"The Austrian General Staff refutes the allegation contained in a bulletin of the Russian Staff that the Austrians lost 3,000 prisoners and a number of guns and machine guns, declaring this report quite unfounded. The total Austrian loss in killed, wounded, and missing during the fights alluded to was 307. No gun or machine gun was lost.

"The Russky Slovo, (a Petrograd newspaper) reports that the Turks and Kurdish troops have occupied nearly the whole of the Persian province of Azerbaijan, (Northeast Persia) and that Julfa is menaced."

RUSSIA'S IDEA OF WARFARE.

Its Application to Present Conflict as Interpreted by a Briton.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24, (Dispatch to The London Morning Post.)—The significance of the Grand Duke's strategic moves to hold the inner lines against the combined Austro-German attack becomes plain from careful examination of the maps. The Germanic extended line attack runs, roughly, north and south along the meridian of Cracow, south of which it turns eastward along the Carpathians for a total length of something over 300 miles. It is popularly believed, though I have no data in confirmation, that the Germanic forces now opposed to Russia amount to something like 4,000,000 men.

The Austro-Germans are seeking along old, familiar lines that victory over Russia which they have twice failed to attain. The Germans have behind them 100 miles of country which they ravaged and devastated during the first advance into Poland, and particularly during their retreat. Although the greater part of the alien population of Poland, consisting of Germans owning that specious double nationality which has proved such a splendid asset in this war, have proved themselves partisans of the invaders, there still remain about their ruined homes enough Poles to make the western half of Poland a prospect less promising on this second invasion than during the first.

If considered from the only correct standpoint, that of the whole war on all fronts, the Germanic prospects are infinitely blacker than ever before. This war cannot possibly be won, and could never, under the ideal conditions mistakenly postulated by Germany when she began the war, have been won anywhere else than in France. Russia might conceivably, as German writers used to love to explain, have been driven beyond the Urals, but even that would not give Germany the victory. Her one and only choice was to conquer France before tackling Russia. Circumstances have compelled a reversal of the only possible plan for success, and the fact that Germany is now devoting her main strength to the Russian front is a confession of defeat.

The stonewalling tactics on the west made it plain that the war might last three or four years, and Germany, recognizing that the game is lost, is making a desperate effort to obtain terms by dealing an overwhelming blow at Russia. There was a Russia once that Germany knows well, and with that Russia, now obsolete, these calculations would be perfectly sound and fruitful. But times have changed, and Germany's information about Russia being of the kind provided by her paid spies and similar mercenary aliens and double-nationality traitors in Russia, is as much at fault as was most of the information on which she founded her hopes of success in this war.

What terms she hopes to get through the instrumentality of Russia are difficult to understand. Russia's armies must first be defeated in any case, and all our information points solidly toward an opposite issue of the present conflict.

I should like to repeat once more what is Russia's idea of warfare. Gen. Joffre, at the opening of this war, showed he held precisely the same idea. Germany does not. Russia holds that the object of war is to crush the enemy's fighting forces. It seems a truism, but no other State except Russia can put this truism into practice. Germany certainly cannot. It means that frontiers, territory, towns, people, everything that makes a State in normal days of peace, ceases to have any value whatever except to subserve the needs of the armies engaged in crushing the enemy's armed forces.

That is Russia's conception of war, and is accepted by the whole nation. It may be a fine thing to show a calm exterior under the severest trials, but Russia holds it final to show a fighting front. She has proved in the last four months the correctness of her idea of war, and is about to prove it once more.

CZAR BUSY IN MOSCOW.

Hears Reports of Relief Activities by Union of Russian Cities.

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Emperor Nicholas and the Empress, accompanied by their children, yesterday visited a number of hospitals in Moscow organized and maintained by public and private associations. Notable among these is the Union of All Russian Zemstvos.

In the evening the Emperor, who is stopping in Moscow on his way back to Petrograd from the front in the Caucasus, received in the Kremlin Palace Prince Lvoff, Chief Commissioner of the Union of All Russian Zemstvos, and the Mayor of Moscow, M. Tchelnckoff, who is also Commissioner in Chief of the Union of Russian Cities.

The Commissioners gave accounts of the activities of their respective unions and the Emperor expressed himself as greatly satisfied with their reports.

NAME TOWN FOR HINDENBURG.

Other German Places Rename Streets in Honor of Popular Commander.

BERLIN, Dec. 4, (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg is easily the most popular man in Germany just now, and his name is already in great demand for new streets. In every city where new streets are being laid out one is certain to be called Hindenburg Street; and Madgeburg, where the General had been living, has changed the name of one of its principal streets in honor of him.

But the Silesian mining town of Zabrze is determined to go all other towns one better by changing its own queer name to Hindenburg, and the Field Marshal has given his consent.

WITTE FOR WAR TO THE END.

Confident of Complete Victory for Russian Arms, He Says.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Reports having been circulated here that Count Sergius Witte, the Russian statesman, was leading a pacific party at the Russian Court, the Count has telegraphed to this city denying the statements. In his telegram he says:

"At the beginning I deplored the war, thinking it was not inevitable or indispensable, but since the war is in progress any discussion regarding it would be futile.

"Now that the war has assumed in Russia a popular character, it can only end with a decisive victory for Russia."

WATCH OUR SHIP LEGISLATION.

British Interests Have Keen Eye on Merchant Marine Plans.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—In an interview today a prominent official of the big British transatlantic steamship lines said that shipping interests here were following closely every phase of the pending legislation regarding the acquisition of a merchant marine by America. When asked if he believed there was any truth in the rumors circulated here that British interests would lobby in Washington against the shipping bill, he asserted he did not believe there was any foundation for such reports, and added:

"It is my personal opinion that British shipping interests would not be opposed to any honest American competition. There would be some feeling, I think, which can be readily understood, if such competition was based on the acquisition by America of interned German vessels."

This official readily intimated that the British shipping interests really could feel jubilant over conditions following the war, in view of the severe blow which had been dealt to German shipping.

REQUEST TO SWEDEN DENIED.

Report in Berlin Paper of Allied Powers' Action Untrue.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24, (Dispatch to The London Morning Post.)—A special message to the Aftonbladet states that the Berliner Zeitung am Mittag gives as one of the reasons for the three Scandinavian monarchs' meeting the following:

"Only a few weeks ago the Entente Powers made a request to Sweden and Norway to open the port of Narvik (Northern Norway) for the transport of contraband to Russia and to facilitate the forwarding of ammunition to Russia by the Ofoten Railway. Both countries firmly declined this as a violation of neutrality."

The Norwegian Morgenbladet says in regard to this report:

"From a most authoritative source we are able to state that there is not one true word in this German indictment."

Swedish papers also unanimously declare the statement to be entirely unfounded.

PRAISE FOR TIMES EXPERT.

Article on War Situation Reprinted by Frankfort Paper.

From a Staff Correspondent of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—Widespread interest has been attracted here to the fact that THE NEW YORK TIMES is the only American newspaper which has a professional and competent military critic. The Frankfurter Zeitung in the issue of Nov. 30 prints a whole article by THE TIMES critic in an important position on the first page, prefixing the following tribute from its New York correspondent:

"While in the big headlines of the newspapers here the Germans are always being "hurled back," "beaten," or "decimated," one finds in articles written by real experts about the great war quite another story. Unfortunately, there are only two or three newspapers which have people on their staffs who analyze the war dispatches and from this material work out a summary of the war situation as it really is. Of these views the following article written by an editor of The Army and Naval Journal for THE NEW YORK TIMES may be considered as typical."

Staff officers to whom I showed the article were favorably impressed and praised THE TIMES for it.

HUBBARD AIDING FRANCE.

Amateur Aviator Is Serving in Colby Ambulance Corps.

A letter received in this city gives later information concerning Gardiner Greene Hubbard, who was said in yesterday's TIMES to have sailed to offer his services as an aviator to the British Government.

Mr. Hubbard is now in France, and is connected with the Field Ambulance Corps which Francis T. Colby of this city has organised. Mr. Colby has seven autos and fifteen men, and on Dec. 4 it had been arranged that he should take his ambulance company to Dunkirk and report to the Belgians.

Mr. Hubbard was an architect here and lived at 17 West Eighth Street. He is a Harvard graduate and a member of the Harvard Club of this city.

RESERVES SAVED RUSSIANS AT LODZ

Broke Enveloping Movement of Germans and Permitted Withdrawal.

AWED BY "SILENT" ADVANCE

Nerves of Czar's Soldiers Shaken by Sight of Wave on Wave of Onrushing Infantry.

LODZ, Russian Poland, Dec. 21, (By Automobile Courier to Posen, Prussia, Dec. 23; London, Dec. 24.)—The capture of Lodz, according to a declaration made today by Gen. von Hindenburg, the German commander, to a correspondent of The Associated Press, was the turning point of the campaign in Poland. The Russian lines in Northern Poland rested on this city, for the possession of which there occurred the most bitter struggle of the entire war on this front. After the Russians, following a most obstinate resistance on their part, were forced to evacuate the town, a general Russian retirement in the direction of Warsaw became necessary.

Under the guidance of Major von Holleben, a cousin of the late Baron von Holleben, who was at one time German Ambassador to the United States, the correspondent today visited some of the battlefields in the vicinity of Lodz and gained an idea of the nature of the operations which led to the capture of the city.

According to the general alignment of the Austro-German forces, they might have been expected to advance from the west. As a matter of fact, the attack was made largely from the north and northwest. They drove their columns into the Russians in the form of a huge pitchfork, with another large force between the tines of the fork.

It looked for a time as if the Russians would be forced to retreat—if retreat were at all possible in the face of the gigantic enveloping movements by the Germans—in the direction of their Warsaw base. The intention was to drive the Russians into the arms of large Austro-German forces massed to cut off their retreat, but the timely arrival of Russian reserves from Warsaw resulted in the breaking of the easternmost tine of the fork, relieving the situation for the Russians.

In one of the operations around Lodz occurred the celebrated "cutting off" of two German Army corps which, after being entirely surrounded by the rapid advance of the Warsaw reserves, turned and cut their way out and brought with them 12,000 of their would-be captors. The scene of this exploit, which a member of the General Staff characterized as one of the most brilliant of the war, was Strykow, ten miles to the northeast of Lodz.

About the same distance west of Lodz is the little churchyard of Beschici, where the Russians, in one of the final phases of the struggle for Lodz, showed that in spite of their defeats and discouragements they knew how to fight and die. This churchyard lies on a small eminence which formed a salient into the German lines.

The Germans were able to make an attack from three sides with infantry and artillery. All the Russian trenches were enfiladed by shrapnel from one direction or another, but the Russians clung to their positions obstinately. When the Germans finally captured the trenches, 878 Russian corpses were found in a space about eighty yards square.

It was resistance of this nature which the Germans had to overcome to capture Lodz. The Russians are again offering obstinate resistance along the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, on their positions running north and south along a line thirty to thirty-five miles west of Warsaw.

A captured Russian officer who speaks good German said that what impressed him and his men most was the silent advance of the German troops, the assault by line after line of dark figures moving toward the Russian position like wavelets of a rising tide, their utter heedlessness of the Russian fire, which appeared to be wasted on them. They saw men fall, but the gaps were filled up immediately by others from the rear line and the advance kept on. All this gave the effect of something irresistible, the Russian officer said. To see the silent lines of Germans come on and on despite all their efforts tried them terribly, causing nerves to snap.

The Russian evacuation of Lodz was effected so quietly and was covered so well that the Germans did not learn of it until the next morning, when they found that the Russian troops had disappeared as though they had vanished from the face of the earth. The usual German night patrols had been sent out to keep in contact with the enemy, but the Russians threw a thin but impenetrable screen before their front. Major Holleben's batallion lost four of its most capable patrol leaders.

German officers say that volley firing is still customary with the Russians, whereas the Germans have eliminated it in favor of individual firing.

A large part of the population of Lodz is busying itself in the German trenches, salvaging the wood which the Germans used for constructing their defenses.

Heavy fighting occurred at the town of Konstantinow, ten miles southwest of Lodz. It suffered mostly from artillery fire, the town being bombarded by both sides. Little was left but naked walls. The other suburbs of Lodz suffered less severely, and the city itself, so far as could be ascertained, has not been damaged. An efficient municipal administration has been set up by the military authorities, who have inaugurated much needed sanitary measures, including compulsory house cleaning.

Paderewski's Brother Killed.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 24, (via Paris.)—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the pianist, who is residing near this city, has received information that his brother, who was serving with the Russian Army, has been killed in the fighting in Poland.

CUPID AIDS RECRUITING.

Men in Uniform Now the Favored Ones in London.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Cupid yet may be responsible for bringing more men to the colors than the British recruiting officers believed possible. This time Cupid works through the boycott and the tango. In the last few days, with many officers back from the front on furlough, after-dinner dances have been resumed with a vengeance.

In fact, it was really on the demands of these officers to have dances that some leading hotels resumed them again after an entire absence of such amusement since the first week of the war, and here enters Cupid and the boycott, for scores of women refused to dance with any one not in khaki or with any one who cannot show good cause for being otherwise dressed. As a consequence many civilian dancers are doomed to lonesome evenings during the Yuletide. Military names have been given to some dances, such, for instance, as the Jack Johnson glide.

KILLED IN RAID ON PARIS.

French Brought Down Hostile Airman 19 Miles from Capital.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the Journal, was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Pontoise, nineteen miles northwest of Paris, Sunday.

Official Reports of War Operations.

RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD.—On the Bzura River, near the Château of Tuchow, five versts (three and a half miles) below Sochaczew, our troops, the night of Dec. 23, utterly routed the strong German forces which had crossed to the right bank of the Bzura. A German regiment was almost completely annihilated, and in addition lost 5 machine guns. We captured 5 officers and 515 soldiers.

All through the day of Dec. 23 the Germans made fierce attacks in the region of Bolimow, but were everywhere repulsed. Very stubborn fighting also prevailed that day in the region of Ilow-Lodz and below that point. We succeeded in throwing back the German column which had crossed to the right bank of the Pilica.

On the 22d and 23d violent fighting took place all along the front on the Nida River. It was especially stubborn on the Lower Nida, between Wislica and Nowemiasto-Korczyn.

In these two days we captured to the north of Pinczow 57 officers and more than 3,000 soldiers.

To the south of the Vistula we maintained our successes of the previous day. Here we took 1,500 prisoners.

In East Prussia, near Przemysl, and in the Carpathians no important changes have taken place.

On the left bank of the Pilica obstinate fighting continued in the region of the villages of Jeseszee and Rojkowawolia, about six miles west of Nowemiasto.

On the right bank of the Pilica we have made progress in the vicinity of Opoczno and Tomaszow.

In Galicia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured, during the 20th and 21st, 66 officers and 5,600 men, 3 cannon and 10 mitrailleuses.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA.—In the Upper Magyoger Valley the battle continues. In the Lateleza Valley yesterday our troops repulsed several attacks, the enemy suffering heavy losses. One Russian battalion was blown up.

In the Upper Ung Valley our attack has gained ground for us, and near the Urzoker Pass 650 prisoners were taken.

On the Galician front the battle continues.

On the Lower Drina over 2,000 prisoners were taken Dec. 22.

Between Dec. 15 and 20, 40,000 Russians were captured. There are now in the monarchy 200,000 prisoners of war.

FRANCE.

PARIS.—(*Night Report*)—To the north of the Lys the enemy has bombarded rather violently the approaches of the road from Ypres to Comines and those of Langemarck, but has delivered no attack.

Before Boiselle, northeast of Albert, our troops last night made slight progress. A German attack on St. Mard wood, east of Tracy le Val, has been repulsed.

We have organized the trenches captured the day before yesterday (Dec. 22) near Puisleine. The ground taken in the Ban de Sapt region, near Launois, north of St. Dié, has been held and organized.

No other news of importance has been received from the rest of the front.

(*Day Report*)—From the sea to the Lys we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes, and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombaertzyde. At Zwartelen, to the southeast of Ypres, we occupied a group of houses, and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter-attack of the enemy; this was done in spite of a very spirited fire from the German artillery.

The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser, to the south of Dixmude, and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge.

In the region of Arras the fog still made all operations impossible.

To the east and southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny, there have been artillery exchanges.

In the region of the Aisne the Zouaves, during all day yesterday, held back brilliantly a number of attacks; they remained masters, at a point near the road of Puisleine, of the German trenches occupied by us Dec. 21

In Champagne, we strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before in the region of Craonne and Rheims.

In the vicinity of Perthes all the counter-attacks of the enemy on the positions conquered by us Dec. 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-les-Hurlus we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards, and we drove back a counter-attack. The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the direction of Ville-sur-Tourbe, but our artillery dispersed them.

In the Argonne we took possession of a piece of ground in the forest of Le Grurie, and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.

In the region of Verdun the prevalence of fog made impossible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter-attack, but without success, in the forest of Consenvoye.

In the forest of Aprémont our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches.

In the Woevre district the French artillery reduced certain German batteries to silence.

In the region of Ban de Sapt, to the northeast of St. Dié, our infantry advanced with a rush and established itself on the territory thus gained.

There is nothing to report from Upper Alsace.

On the Bzura River the Germans have maintained themselves in two positions. On the other hand, at a point north of Sochaczew, they were driven back to the river, which flows to the southwest of this town. Their efforts to debouch from Bolinow resulted in failure. At the present time the Germans are essaying to cross the River Rawka, to the southeast of Skierniewice.

To the south of Rawa the Germans are resisting stubbornly a pronounced Russian offensive movement being delivered along the northern bank of the River Pilica.

GERMANY.

BERLIN.—The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Nieuport yesterday. At Bixschoote we took 230 prisoners on Dec. 22.

The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed.

A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost by us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter-attack, because parts of the trenches had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands.

In the east we have assumed the offensive and are advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau, (in East Prussia.) We have repulsed the Russians after several days' fighting at Mlawa, (Northern Poland,) and the enemy's positions at Mlawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather.

The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica River, in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses.

Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged.

GERMAN AIR RAIDER DROPS BOMB IN DOVER

Missile Aimed at Castle Falls in a Garden and Shatters Windows in St. James's Rectory.

BRITISH AIRMEN IN PURSUIT

Attack on Channel Port the First of Its Kind Attempted Against an English Town.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb in Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the Official Press Bureau. The bomb, evidently aimed at Dover Castle, fell in the garden in the rear of St. James's Rectory, which is located in front of the castle. The windows in the rectory and some of the houses immediately surrounding the rectory were broken.

Fog made easy the escape of the airship. Immediately he had dropped his bomb the pilot started straight across the Channel. Two British aeroplanes went up in an endeavor to catch the raider, but he had too much of a start and could not be overtaken. The official statement of the attack is as follows:

"An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It left immediately, passing out over the sea. A British aircraft went up, but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

This is the first news of an authentic character of any hostile aircraft visiting Great Britain. The machine today came from the direction of Deal and was flying very high. It was not sighted from Dover until it suddenly emerged from the clouds.

DENIES FRENCH CHARGES.

No Mine Layers Under Neutral Flags, Says German Newspaper.

A communication of the French Legation at The Hague is being circulated in Holland, according to the German Information Service, in which it is charged that the Germans have employed vessels, flying flags of neutral nations, to lay mines in the Mediterranean. The Tagliche Rundschau quotes the French Legation as saying:

"The French fleet will do everything in its power to curb this latest violation of international law. The time has come when these actions must be published in order to warn neutral shipping of the dangers that must result from the misuse of their flag. France, on the other hand, can do no more than disclaim the responsibility for the consequences of such actions."

In commenting on the French circular, the German newspaper says:

"German sailors are supposed to have laid mines in the Mediterranean under the cover of a neutral flag. That is what the French Legation at The Hague circulates in Holland. Why does not the legation state under what neutral flag and on what ship and when the German sailors have laid mines in the Mediterranean and on what spot?

"Not the least attempt has been made to prove these contentions—contentions that are becoming more numerous each day. They are inventions pure and simple. The purpose is evidently to divert the attention of the public from the just embitterment of the neutral maritime nations at England's and France's methods."

AMERICAN GIRL NURSE DIES.

Miss Bliss an Appendicitis Victim in Munich Red Cross Hospital.

Miss Enid Bliss, a volunteer nurse with the American Red Cross Hospital in Munich, Germany, died in the hospital last Friday from appendicitis, according to a cablegram received by her parents yesterday. She was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. William Dwight Porter Bliss, pastor of the Church of the Holy Innocents at West Orange, N. J., a noted lecturer on social subjects and an expert investigator for the United States Bureau of Labor.

Miss Bliss was born in this country and educated in Germany. She was in Munich being trained for grand opera when the war broke out. Instead of returning home, as her friends advised, she joined the Red Cross.

Her mother, who was Miss Mary Pangalo of Constantinople, said last night that no details of her death had been received, other than that it was from appendicitis, probably aggravated by her hard work among the wounded.

CHRISTMAS CHEER IN THE TRENCHES

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ed, though the crowds are not comparable with those of former years, and the flower stores are selling masses of mistletoe for good luck.

During tomorrow holy communion will be solemnized in all the churches, while about a dozen theatres will give patriotic matinées and evening performances. At the Opera Comique "La Vivandière" will be given, and at the Trianon Lyrique "The Daughter of the Regiment." Even the variety houses will give patriotic revues such as "Under the Flag" at the Bataclan and "Paris Quand Même" at the Folies Bergère.

Business, outside of Christmas buying, has been extremely quiet, although many places shut since mobilization have reopened. There is a feeling, however, that after the holidays conditions will be considerably better. This is especially true among the couturières who are planning February openings, although the majority of their famous mannequins have disappeared from Paris life. A well-known New York buyer attempting to purchase gowns in advance of the regular opening went to one of the best-known houses today and found it deserted except for a commissionaire at the door, Mme. la Patronne, and a couple of saleswomen and girls. Not a customer was in the place. It was open for business, as usual, at the same old prices, and even higher figures in some instances "on account of the war," but instead of completed models being shown, the New Yorker was invited to witness pictures of madame's newest ideas, très chic, executed on cardboard; also she had a few ideas in cheesecloth. It is useless, she declares, to spend money for goods unless customers show up. She was willing to suggest ideas for clothes, however. The New Yorker purchased, but was strongly of the idea that he was buying a pig in a poke.

GIFTS FOR PARIS WOUNDED.

Halt and Blind Share in American Ambulance Festivities.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Festivities in connection with the American Ambulance were held this afternoon. There was a concert in the chapel, which was decorated with the flags of the Allies and American flag, palms, flowers, holly, and mistletoe. Music was furnished by convalescents and others, the selections being chiefly patriotic.

From a great Christmas tree presents were distributed to every one, consisting of pipes, knives, pocketbooks, pens, and pencils, and red tartan stockings filled with fruits and sweetmeats. As many patients as possible gathered around the tree. One Turco, unable to walk, was carried in the arms of two British Tommies. Two of the patients, totally blind, were led by friends and enjoyed feeling the tree and decorations. Those who were unable to leave their beds were visited by Father Christmas.

REJOICING IN ALSACE.

French Christmas Celebrated in Reconquered Portion After 44 Years.

THANN, Alsace, via Paris, Dec. 24.—The population of that portion of Alsace extending from near Altkirch to near St. Die, a strip of territory of about twelve miles, is enjoying a French Christmas for the first time since 1870. The midnight mass of Christmas Eve in Thann will be celebrated with exceptional pomp. Colbert Carr, director of the Comédie Française in Paris, has arranged to have a number of eminent musicians and singers come here to provide the music.

In other villages sermons in French will be preached at all the Christmas services by soldier-priests. Most of their congregations will be old men and women and children and French soldiers. All the young men have gone to the war. In some cases, brother is fighting against brother.

There is, however, a general air of quiet rejoicing at the prospect of an approaching reunion with the mother country. In humble homes little French flags fly openly; children who have been taught the German language from their birth now shout "Vive la France!" and many young women who were engaged to marry Germans before the war are said to have broken their troth, declaring now they will marry only Frenchmen.

In spite of the daily fighting the Alsatians are having a good time, as quantities of food and delicacies are being sent to them from France.

BERLIN'S LAVISH GIVING.

Soldiers and the Poor Are Remembered as Never Before.

BERLIN, Dec. 24, (via London, Dec. 25.)—Berlin is celebrating Christmas Eve under leaden skies. Several inches of snow fell last night, but it was promptly converted into slush, as the temperature was several degrees above freezing.

Christmas in the German capital differs little from former years. The home enjoyments are on a more economical scale and more public spirit is being shown than ever before. The gifts for the poor have assumed proportions never before known.

The soldiers at the front are being remembered by the whole population, and hundreds of carloads of presents have been sent to the east and west fronts. The Berlin school children figure largely in the gifts for the soldiers. There is scarcely a child who has not contributed several packages of presents, usually with the home address given, in the hope of obtaining a much-coveted field post card.

The military aspect of this Christmas has also been intensified by the lavish attention to the wounded in the hospitals. Here every hospital yesterday evening or this evening had a Christmas tree loaded with gifts. All the cots were flanked with chairs and tables on which presents were heaped. These celebrations were attended by the school children, who sang Christmas carols.

Hundreds of wounded soldiers were assembled in the large halls and the children again took a prominent part in the festivities, many of them bringing simple presents on their own account to gladden the hearts of the country's defenders. The Empress at Potsdam last evening gave each wounded soldier a woolen jacket, a notebook, fruits, nuts, and cakes.

A special celebration was held in Berlin for the refugees from France. The teachers' organization had a huge Christmas fête for about 7,000 East Prussian refugees, while the Salvation Army invited 500 poor families and gave them baskets of food. The American women yesterday distributed a large number of presents to the poor at the kitchen of the American Association of Commerce and Trade. Over 500 women and children were remembered in the distribution. Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American Ambassador, and the other women of the embassy staff, and Mrs. Julius G. Lay, wife of the American Consul General in Berlin, took a prominent part in the affair.

KING ALBERT'S CHRISTMAS.

Belgian Royal Family Guests of Lord Curzon in South England.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The King of the Belgians will spend Christmas Day in England. His visit will be strictly incognito, and denials that he is here probably will be issued by British officialdom.

Nevertheless I am able to state on the best possible authority that King Albert will arrive at Folkestone this evening, whence he will motor to the estate of of Earl Curzon at Basingstoke in South England. His three children have been the guests of Lord Curzon since the beginning of September, and the Queen of the Belgians has paid several visits to them, but this visit will be the first the King has made to England since the start of the war.

It is understood that the Queen is already at Basingstoke, but if she has not yet crossed the Channel from Calais she will do so today with the King. The Belgian royal family will eat Christmas dinner in Lord Curzon's house tonight, and tomorrow afternoon King Albert will return to his soldiers in Flanders. Whether his consort will accompany him or remain at Basingstoke a few days longer is as yet unknown.

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FRENCH GIRL SACRIFICES HER HAIR FOR SOLDIERS

Sends Golden Braids to Paris to be Sold for a Christmas Gift.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The National Soldiers' Gift Committee this week received over half a million Christmas offerings for the troops in service, varying from live geese to sprigs of holly and mistletoe tied with the tri-color ribbon; but the strangest and most touching came today—coils of long golden hair.

The sender, a Lorraine peasant girl, Yvonne Pusel, living in the Vosges hamlet of Chatillon-sur-Saone, wrote asking the committee to buy a soldier's valisette with the proceeds, saying: "I am sorry to give extra trouble, but I live to far from a town where I might sell it myself and did not wish to send cash because I wanted to sacrifice my proudest possession for the sake of the defenders of France."

BRITISH USING NEW HOWITZERS

15-Inch Guns an Important Feature of the Allies' New Offensive.

PARIS, Dec. 14, (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The Allies in the western field are about to take the general offensive against the Germans All British and French soldiers on leave have been recalled. Word has been sent to the hospitals of Paris and the vicinity to prepare to receive great numbers of wounded.

British reinforcements are arriving in the north, and it is understood that they will be in position by next Friday. With the fresh troops are many of the new fifteen-inch British howitzers which will go into action for the first time against the Germans. They are believed to be much more powerful than the German mortars and to outrange them.

Gen. Joffre and Field Marshal Sir John French have been waiting for two months for the moment to arrive to make a general and sustained attack. The Germans are no longer throwing themselves against the positions of the Allies and appear disposed to hold their positions in the west and concentrate their efforts upon the east.

Immense reserves of shells and ammunition have been accumulated by the Allies in preparation for a general forward movement. The allied troops appear to be considerably more numerous than at any time since the opening of hostilities. Their equipment, their transport, and morale are judged by neutral military observers who have recently gone to the front to be beyond anything they have previously attained.

Since the foregoing was written cable dispatches have told of greatly increased activity on the part of the Allies at almost all points of the line from the North Sea to the Swiss border. This new activity has been interpreted as signalizing the long-expected general advance. On Dec. 21 the German War Office gave out the text of what was said to be an order for a general attack by the Allies signed by Gen. Joffre and dated Dec. 17.

CELLARS NO BOMB REFUGE.

Resident of Rheims Says Shells Fill Them with Debris.

DUNKIRK, (via London,) Dec. 15, (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—A resident of Rheims, who has gone through all the successive bombardments of that city, advises against taking to the cellar in case of bombardment.

"Two of the Rheims hotels were blown into rubbish while I was asleep in them," he says. "In each instance most of the people in the hotels took refuge in the cellars, and came near losing their lives when the bricks and mortar came tumbling in on top of them. If your house is blown up, the ruins almost certainly will block you in your cellar, and you stand every chance of coming to an untimely end by asphyxiation.

"I had calculated correctly that the part of the city where I was living would come under fire from the northwest, so I selected a room on the first floor at the side most remote from the point of threatened attack. In my second hotel, just across the way, I reversed the process. In each case I escaped with my clothes in my hand, and later assisted in digging out of the cellar refugees, who were nearly dead.

"The favorite time for bombardment is between 2 and 4 o'clock in the morning, when the Germans can use their big guns without any risk of their location being found out by scouting aeroplanes. It might be well to mention that shells of large calibre do not merely make holes in walls or blow roofs off. They lift the entire contents of a four-story house into the street—floors, partitions, and all details included. The daily bombardment of Rheims after this fashion has now lasted over eighty days."

ENGLISH SPINNERS HARD HIT

Profits Practically Wiped Out—Not Entirely Due to War.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—An annual review of the cotton spinning trade of Oldham district, Lancashire, shows that the profits earned for shareholders during the year ended Nov. 30 have fallen from £14 12s. 6d. to £1 9s. 9d. per cent., while dividends, which are being paid partly out of reserves, declined from 8 to 6⅞ per cent.

Balance sheets of 100 companies have been examined, and of these forty-nine reveal losses, others just ending the year evenly. The year's net earnings of the 100 companies on over £3,500,000 paid up share capital have fallen to £1 9s. 9d. per cent., the lowest record since 1911.

This shrinking of profits, which has been gradual since the beginning of the year, is attributed only partly to the war. Of a total of 109 mills and 110,000 looms in Burnley and Brierfield eleven mills, containing 6,462 looms, have stopped work as a direct result of the war. Twelve mills, with 8,536 looms, are on full time, and seventy mills on reduced time.

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DENOUNCES KUNO MEYER.

London Times on His Attempt to Stir Up Irish Feeling in America.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The London Times, commenting on the address delivered on Dec. 6 to a meeting of the Clan na Gael of Long Island by Prof. Kuno Meyer, formerly Professor of Celtic Languages at University College, Liverpool, says:

"For a whole working life he has eaten the bread of this country, been befriended by many of its most distinguished scholars, and has here made a reputation which lately won him the succession of the Chair of Zimmer in Berlin. It is no reproach to him that, after all this, he remains entirely German at heart, but that he should use the position he has attained in Celtic scholarship for the purpose—futile as his efforts will be—of stirring up sedition in Ireland and endeavoring to stab in the back the country to which he owes so much is quite another matter.

"He is, we venture to think, profoundly mistaken in supposing that his former English friends will regard his action with that complete obliviousness of its baser aspect which apparently reigns in his own breast, and Ireland, no doubt, will fully appreciate the callousness with which, for the sake of creating a diversion in favor of Germany, he would plunge his 'adopted country' in a sea of blood and turmoil."

CANADIANS GO TO FRONT.

Princess Patricia's Regiment First of Them to be Sent to France.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Princess Patricia's Regiment, a part of the Canadian contingent, which has as its honorary Colonel the daughter of the Governor General of Canada, has departed for the front.

This regiment will shortly be followed by the Scottish regiments of Canada's army, which, after a course of training in Canada and on Salisbury Plain, are considered fit to take their places with the seasoned soldiers of Great Britain.

The rest of the 30,000 men who came across the American Continent and the Atlantic Ocean to fight for the British Empire are reaching the concluding stages of their training, and it is fully expected that the whole contingent will before many weeks be on the Continent.

The place of honor as the first regiment to move across the English Channel fell to Princess Patricia's Regiment because it is made up largely of men who have seen previous service and who needed but a few weeks of training.

TURKS HUNT FOR WIRELESS.

Suspect Signaling to Enemy—Prince Said to Have Been Executed.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24, (Dispatch to The London Daily News.)—Letters received in Odessa from Constantinople report daily searches for wireless apparatus which is supposed to be signaling to the Allies' fleet.

It is said that Prince Megur, a nephew of ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, has been executed on the charge of communicating to the British Admiral the plan of the Dardanelles mines, enabling a British submarine to sink the battleship Messudieh.

ESSAD'S PALACE FIRED.

Residence of the Claimant of the Albanian Throne in Flames.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Durazzo, Albania, to the Central News says that the palace of Essad Pasha at Tirana has been set on fire.

Essad Pasha, long prominent in Albanian military and political circles, was named as Provisional President of Albania after the recent retirement of Prince William of Wied, who had been selected by the powers to rule the country. Essad was last reported as advancing on Scutari, and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania.

Tirana, where Essad's palace is located, is about seventy miles south of Scutari.

ASKS AID FOR JEWS.

Telegram to Washington on Behalf of Refugees from Jaffa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Aid for 682 Russian Jews who have just reached Alexandria from Jaffa was asked today in a cablegram to the American Jewish relief organization.

The message said that the refugees had been driven out of Jaffa by the Turks and were destitute.

Ambassador Morgenthau, at Constantinople, will probably be asked by the American organization to forward part of its funds, now in his hands, to Alexandria.

ASKS REPORT ABOUT JAFFA.

Meanwhile Bryan Does Not Fully Credit Stories of Outrages.

The following telegram was received yesterday at the office of The Day, a Jewish newspaper of this city:

Washington, Dec. 24, 1914.

Herman Bernstein, Editor The Day,
New York:

Department hesitates to place full credence in press reports of ill-treatment of Jews in Jaffa, inasmuch as no official advices to that effect have been received from the Ambassador at Constantinople. The department is asking the Ambassador for a report by cable.

W. J. BRYAN, Secretary of State.

PRESS BUREAU CLOSED TODAY.

No London Papers to be Published, but Censors Pass Dispatches.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Press Information Bureau in London is to be closed from 5 o'clock this afternoon until 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and during this twenty-four hours no official news will be given out.

In London it has been mutually agreed by the morning and afternoon papers not to publish tomorrow—Christmas Day.

The censorship on cablegrams leaving England will continue over Christmas, as usual.

VON BERNSTORFF CALLED PLAGIARIST

Address Before an American Learned Body Taken from Englishman's Book.

GAVE NO HINT OF CREDIT

Author Accuses Ambassador First of Taking Text, Then of Violating Conclusions.

Under the heading "A Study of Sources," Burt Edward Young, in The Nation, issued yesterday, accuses Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, of plagiarizing from William Harbutt Dawson's book, "The Evolution of Modern Germany," printed in London in 1908. Mr. Young's article follows:

By BURT EDWARD YOUNG.

In his celebrated oration on "The Development of Germany as a World Power," delivered before the American Academy of Political and Social Science on Nov. 6, 1909, Count J. H. von Bernstorff, German Ambassador to the United States, exhibits a surprising amount of English influence. The oration was published as a supplement to the Annals of the Academy in January, 1910, (Vol. 35, at the back,) and a sumptuous reprint was struck off marked "Copyright, 1910, by the American Academy of Political and Social Science."

A comparison of this grave work with William Harbutt Dawson's book, "The Evolution of Modern Germany" (London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1908. "All rights reserved,") makes it plain that, in the language of doctors' dissertations, "the two works exhibit remarkable coincidences of character, situation, and language." The coincidences begin comparatively early in the oration. Thus, take this passage:

As Students See It.

> Impartial students of Germany's position will find themselves confronted by economic facts which alone sufficiently explain why Germany has to turn its attention to the expansion of its influence abroad. (Bernstorff, P. 11.)
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> The candid student of Germany's position finds himself confronted by economic facts which alone sufficiently explain why Germany is today turning its attention with increasing urgency to the expansion of its influence abroad. (Dawson, PP. 335-336.)

Or this, on the same page, after the orator has borrowed a few statistics and estimates (uncredited) of the tremendous growth of German population:

> The question which these facts raise is primarily economic: How will this large population be employed; how will it live? (Bernstorff, p. 11.)
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> The questions which these facts raise are, of course, primarily physical and economic. Where will this large population live; how will it be employed; how will it be fed? (Dawson, p. 336.)

Or this on the same page:

> I cannot but think that if this fundamental fact of Germany's enormous annual increase of population were intelligently grasped, much of the unfortunate polemic to which my country's industrial expansion still gives rise in certain quarters would be moderated. (Bernstorff, P. 11.)
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> One cannot but think that if this fundamental fact of Germany's enormous annual increase of population were intelligently grasped, much of the unfortunate polemic to which that country's industrial expansion still gives rise in certain quarters would be moderated. (Dawson, p. 338.)

Boldly Lifted.

The rest of Page 11 comes almost bodily out of Dawson, with the difference that it is word for word a long quotation from Dr. Paul Rohrbach's "Deutschland unter den Weltvölkern." Dr. Rohrbach receives due credit by Mr. Dawson of the enemy, but no credit or mention from Count von Bernstorff, his compatriot.

Page 12 is similar, except that his Excellency skips playfully back and forth over pages 339, 340, 341, and 343 of Dawson. It is practically all clipped from Dawson, sentence by sentence. Compare:

> Between a present national ratio of 300 persons per square mile and the ratio of Saxony, Rhineland, and Westphalia, there is a difference which represents a population of some forty millions, and within that limit there is clearly a very considerable capacity for expansion. This expansion can, however, only be on industrial and not on agricultural lines.
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> There is no reason to believe that the corn-growing capacity of Germany is as yet exhausted, yet it is a fact, which points its own moral, that, in spite of the careful protection of the agricultural industry, the production of food corn, while it increases absolutely, has ceased to keep pace with the growth of the population. The best that can be hoped for is, therefore, that for a time corn-growing will hold its own. (Bernstorff p. 12.)

Now Read Dawson.

> Between a present national ratio of 300 persons per square mile and the ratio of the West of Prussia there is, however, a difference which represents a population of some 40,000,000, and within that limit there is clearly a very considerable capacity for expansion. This expansion will, however, be on industrial and not on agricultural lines.
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> * * * There is no reason to believe that the corn-growing capacity of the country is as yet exhausted, yet it is a fact which points its own moral that, in spite of the careful protection of the agricultural industry, the production of food corn, while it increases absolutely, has ceased to keep pace with the growth of population. * * * The best that can be hoped, therefore, is that for a time corn growing will hold its own, &c. (Dawson, pp. 340, 339.)

Dr. Rohrbach suffers depredations, as fore, again on Page 12, to the extent of a quarter of a page of his choicest conclusions, with no quotation marks. Dr. Rohrbach, let me add, is not the only German writer who thus is pillaged, for on Page 10 of the Oration Prof. E. Paulsen is made to contribute half a paragraph, mot à mot, with no credit or mention.

Why waste good white paper in paralleling Page 13, since the observed phenomena are the same? Here Herr Rohrbach's well-known conclusions on the value of colonies are incorporated with sure selection, but with true impartiality his Excellency has again been careful to omit Mr. Dawson's conscientious acknowledgment of the source. Some of the latter's remarks on the decline of German emigration to South America are clipped literatim to assure his Excellency's hearers that Germany has no designs on that continent.

Dawson Germans.

We must contrast Mr. Dawson's moderate and generous treatment of Germany, rising at times to the dignity of chivalry, with the fashion in which the Ambassador uses the Englishman's material to further his own spiteful innunedo against England. Not only does his Excellency annex statements of fact, but he offers as his own Mr. Dawson's carefully argued opinions upon questions of German domestic politics, or else he first uses the original author's words, and then substitutes his own deductions.

To sum up, the core of the Ambassador's oration is merely an appropriation from the English book. Omitting many courtly phrases, and some discussion of an American book on a similar subject, there remains little but Mr. Dawson's estimates, observations, researches, and conclusions throughout, with no mention of him anywhere. We congratulate his Excellency upon his good judgment in selecting authorities, but he does not flatter the American Academy of Political and Social Science in assuming it to be ignorant of Dawson, Rohrbach, and Paulsen.

BURT EDWARD YOUNG.

[One of our correspondents has received the following letter from Mr. Dawson, and asks that it be made public.—Ed. The Nation.]

Denounced by Dawson.

Kemerton Road, Beckenham, England,
9 October, 1914.

Dear Sir: Will you accept my cordial thanks for your thoughtfulness in calling my attention to the wrongful and indefensible use made of my book, "The Evolution of Modern Germany," by Count Bernstorff, in the address on "The Development of Germany as a World Power" given by him before the American Academy of Political and Social Science (Philadelphia) and published in the annals of that institution? Hitherto I had not been aware that the Count had passed off as his own long passages taken from this book, but having now had an opportunity of reading the address as published, I can only confirm with regret your statement that a wholesale and quite unacknowledged appropriation of my labors has been made.

Not only does the Count annex passages containing statements of fact, but he even puts forward as his own my argued opinions upon various questions of German domestic politics. In other cases he first uses my words and then substitutes his own conclusions for mine—not a very ingenuous proceeding, I venture to think. My only comfort is that where Count Bernstorff quotes from two German writers used, and of course named, by me in this book, he impartially claims authorship of these borrowed passages likewise.

Acting on your suggestion that this act of plagiarism should be disclosed, I am calling the attention of the American Academy of Political Science to the facts, and I do this with the greater justification since I observe that the academy claims "copyright" for the Count's address, although to it, all unknowingly, I prove to have made a quite considerable contribution. Need I say that I attribute to that honorable body no responsibility for what has happened?

For the rest I prefer to leave the matter to public, and especially literary, opinion, only adding the expression of a hope that the Count's ideas of literary integrity will not be reflected in his further activities either as an exponent of Germany or a critic of British political history and diplomacy.

WILLIAM HARBUTT DAWSON.

RIDDER ON WAR CHRISTMAS.

Regrets Changes of Sentiment Toward Germany a Year Has Brought.

Writing upon the Christmas spirit and the war, Herman Ridder says in this morning's Staats-Zeitung:

> Those of us whose thoughts will stray to the Fatherland and the saddened Christmas gatherings around the jewelled trees will wonder when our beloved Germany will ever again enjoy the happiness of peace. Will it be tomorrow, or must days or months or years elapse before the nations will understand that they cannot crush the proud spirit that animates the entire Teutonic world?
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> A year ago the German Emperor was the recipient of messages of cheer and comfort from every capital in Europe. It is indeed strange that in the short space of five months all that was good and noble and great in German life and German thought seems to have been forgotten by her many enemies.
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> Yesterday the German universities attracted the talent and genius of the world, today German intellectual life is villified by the very ones who so recently considered themselves privileged to be able to enjoy the spirit of German culture. So war blinds reason.
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> This war has served one purpose in America. It has brought those of German blood in a closer bond of sympathy. It has united those who should long ago have stood shoulder to shoulder. Many who had forgotten the traditions of German life felt a new and sudden pulse of sympathy for Germany. Others from a tacit understanding of the great problems of the Fatherland found themselves patriots. The vast majority of German sympathizers now realize the bond of common ancestry.

JAPANESE AID OPPOSED.

French Publicists Fear It Would Be Gained at the Cost of Indo-China.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Though the Bonnet Rouge today prints a long editorial supporting Stephen Pichon's campaign for Japanese assistance and reproaches Gabriel Hanotaux for suggesting that the acceptance of France appears like weakness, saying that as a former Foreign Minister he ought to appreciate the situation better, it is clear that the possibility that Indo-China will be Japan's price is arousing apprehension and opposition.

The Midi publishes an article from Ernest Outrey, at present a Deputy, but formerly senior French Resident in Indo-China, saying that the abandonment of the whole or a part of the province would be equivalent to a series of moral, political, economic, and financial defeats. He continues:

"Indo-China possesses mines inestimably rich in Tonkin, Annam, and Laos, besides having a vast export trade in rice. It has cost France much blood and treasure and is now just beginning to repay our sacrifices. Secondly, we owe a duty to the natives, who are prosperous and contented under the French flag and to whom we have solemnly promised our help and protection. Shall we, too, regard our promise as a mere 'scrap of paper?' France claims the front place as a world-civilizer; shall we abandon it to an Oriental people for the sake of the soldiers we ought to be able to supply?"

JAPANESE OFF PERU.

Battleship and Destroyer Convoying Merchant Fleet.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 24.—The Japanese battleship Hizen, accompanied by a Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer and several English merchantmen, has anchored seven miles off Puerto de Pisura, on the northern coast of Peru.

The Hizen and the destroyer came from Acapulco, Mexico, and are probably convoying the merchantmen to some South American port.

DUTCH URGED TO SUBSCRIBE.

Forced Loan May Follow Failure of the Present Voluntary Plan.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24, via London, Dec. 25.—The Netherlands Government today issued a prospectus embodying the conditions covering participation in the 5 per cent. voluntary Government loan of 275,000,000 gulden (approximately $110,000,000) by which it is proposed to meet the expenses of mobilization.

Should it be found impossible to raise the amount in this way an obligatory method will be devised. The prospectus says:

"Whoever participates in the voluntary loan gets from the State documentary evidence to that effect and 5 per cent. interest, and assures himself against the possibility of having to accept paper which will bring him only 4 per cent. While the interest on the voluntary loan is secured, that on the possible forced loan will be unsecured. The paper issued by the Government for the voluntary loan will be negotiable."

SHELLS TURKISH POSITION.

French Cruiser Disperses Troops Near the Dardanelles.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Athens to the Havas Agency under date of Dec. 23, which was delayed in transmission, says:

"At 11 o'clock this morning a French cruiser drew into the coast of Asia, near the Dardanelles, and fired fourteen shells into a position occupied by Turkish troops near Guekhi. The Turkish troops, after vainly trying to reply to the cruiser's attack, dispersed."

JOHNNY POE IN HARD FIGHTING

Famous Football Player Serving as Orderly to a British Colonel.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—According to information received recently in London, Johnny Poe, the famous Princeton football player, is now fighting as a private in the British Army as an orderly to the Colonel of his regiment and has been through the recent severe fighting in Northern France.

GERMANS CONFIDENT OF INVADING BRITAIN

Herman A. Metz Found All the Kaiser's Soldiers Counting On Carrying the War There.

NOT ANGRY AT AMERICANS

Just Sorry That We Have Been Misled by Statements of the Allied Powers.

Congressman Herman A. Metz of Brooklyn, who returned from a trip to Germany yesterday on the Holland-America liner Ryndam, said there was not a man, woman, or child in the empire whose heart and soul was not in this war.

"If it were not for the wounded soldiers walking about in the streets of Berlin you would not know Germany was at war," the former Controller said. "I talked with a number of wounded officers and men during my stay in Germany and they were all anxious to get well quickly and return to the front.

"There's not a dissenting voice in the empire against the use of anything and everything in defense of the Fatherland. There's not one man in Germany who does not want to fight for his country—not one who isn't eager to get to the front. If that's militarism, there's no such thing as patriotism, no such thing as a united country."

Mr. Metz said that England was going to experience all the horrors of a war fought on English soil.

"The German invasion of England," he went on to say emphatically, "is irrevocably fixed. There is not a German soldier who does not know he is going to get to England; and they all know that nothing the English may do will stop that invasion."

Mr. Metz went on to say that the Germans were not angry with the people of the United States for the sympathy they had shown toward the Allies, but were only sorry that they were so misled. Americans do not realize the situation in Germany at the present time, he said.

In regard to the attack made on Germany by the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, Mr. Metz said that the minister had a lot to learn yet as to Germany's rights in the war.

Mr. Metz found that Germany was willing to take American cotton and send her dyestuffs and chemicals in return.

BIG WAR ORDER FOR WIRE.

Business Worth $4,000,000 Offered to Mills in Pittsburgh District.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Demand from the belligerent nations of Europe for barbed and plain wire today reached the feverish stage in the wire mills of this district. Offers of orders aggregating 125,000 tons, of which 25,000 tons are specified as barbed wire of special design, have been made within the last few days, the only point at issue being the time at which delivery can be made. This business is worth approximately $4,000,000 and will keep the mills going for several months.

Mill officers said the barbed wire alone would reach 50,000 miles, while that of the remainder of the orders would bring the total to 275,000 miles. England, France and Russia have been large customers of the Pittsburgh wire mills since the war broke out.

DR. McCLENAHAN'S MISSION

To Study Controversial Features of the War—Not on Atrocity Hunt.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Prof. Howard McClenahan, Dean of the College of Princeton, who is now in Europe, "studying controversial features of the war, but not on an atrocity hunt," will spend this week-end at Cambridge, and then a few days at Oxford, after which he will go to Holland and Belgium.

One of the questions which Dr. McClenahan will look into thoroughly is the feasibility of establishing in America a certain number of skilled Belgian workers. He is also going to investigate the present conditions in Belgium and the country's probable future needs for food and other assistance.

Dean McClenahan is here on the request of prominent Princetonians and with the co-operation and approval of the university. For fifteen years he has been Professor of Physics at Princeton, and it was considered that his report would carry authority, as coming from a man accustomed to scientific investigation and accurate statement.

Dr. McClenahan carries letters from the German Ambassador in Washington to the Military and Civil Governors in Belgium and to officials in Berlin. A few days ago he lunched with the Prime Minister and Lord Fisher, and yesterday he saw Mr. Asquith again.

BANK OF ENGLAND SELLS GOLD

Operation Believed to be for the Payment of Troops in France.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The City was somewhat surprised to find the Bank of England announcing the sale of £612,000 ($3,060,000) of foreign coin and £402,000 ($2,010,000) of gold bars, this being the first transaction of its kind since the end of August.

No official notification was given regarding the destination of the gold, but it was believed in the City that the foreign coin represented French coin which, with the bar gold, was going to France, presumably for payment of the troops and for other expenses in connection with the campaign.

Franklin Simon & Co.
Fifth Avenue

An Important Sale Saturday
At Greatly Reduced Prices

Men's Shop
16 West 38th St.—Store Floor
Separate Shop, a Step from Fifth Avenue

Hand-Tailored Suits
FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN, 32 TO 44 CHEST

One, three or four button sack models of checked, pencil or chalk striped cassimere or worsted, "Glen Urquhart" plaids, tartan plaids, Scotch tweeds, navy serge and unfinished worsted; also blue or Oxford vicuna braid bound suits.

20.00
Heretofore $27.50 and $30.00

Men's Winter Overcoats
33 TO 44 CHEST
Chesterfield, Fitted or Slip-on Models

Chesterfield model of highest grade vicuna, in black, Oxford or blue, lined throughout with Skinner Satin; also fitted, three button, double or single breasted models, of Oxford, navy or olive, "Whitney" chinchilla; slip-on model of grey, brown or olive Scotch coatings; yoke and sleeves silk lined.

20.00
Heretofore $27.50 and $30.00

Full Dress Suits
FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN, 33 TO 44 CHEST
Silk Lined, New Model of Unfinished Worsted

Coat and Trousers—Coat, silk galloon bound collar and cuffs, silk faced, silk lined; English cut Trousers.

25.00 *Regular Price $35.00*

Boys' Clothing Shop
8 and 10 West 38th St.—Store Floor

Small Boys' Overcoats
Double breasted and raglan models, of English tweeds, cheviots, Irish frieze, grey, brown or blue. 3 to 10 years.
7.50 *Heretofore $9.75 to $12.50*

Large Boys' Overcoats
Of imported overcoatings, English Harrow tweeds, vicunas, Scotch cheviot. 10 to 18 years.
14.50 *Heretofore $18.50 and $24.50*

Boys' Winter Norfolk Suits
EXTRA KNICKERBOCKERS. 7 to 18 years.
Norfolk model of all wool tweeds, cheviots or corduroy, in grey or brown; also navy serge.
6.50 *Heretofore $8.75 to $10.00*

Boys' Winter Norfolk Suits
EXTRA KNICKERBOCKERS. 7 to 18 years.
Of imported tweeds, cheviots, cassimeres, tartan checks, heather mixtures; also navy serge.
8.75 *Heretofore $10.00 to $12.50*

Broadway **Saks & Company** at 34th Street

Clearance Saturday of
Misses' Suits & Coats
at the biggest reductions of the closing year

The prices alone make this a clearance, for the garments themselves are for the most part up-to-the-minute models. Shown in a great variety of materials and styles, and affording a really unusual diversity and individuality of selection. Fourth Floor

60 Suits........*were $19.50 to $25.00*..........now $8.50
127 Suits........*were $35.00 to $45.00*..........now $17.00
57 Suits........*were $49.50 to $55.00*..........now $27.50
28 Suits........*were $59.00 to $69.00*..........now $37.50
128 Coats........*were $18.50 to $22.50*..........now $10.00
102 Coats........*were $25.00 to $27.50*..........now $12.50
77 Coats........*were $29.50 to $35.00*..........now $17.50
62 Coats........*were $29.50 to $39.50*..........now $19.50

168 Girls' Coats radically reduced
Formerly $9.50 Reduced to $3.50 | *Formerly $12.50 Reduced to $6.00* | *Formerly $18.00 Reduced to $9.00*

110 Girls' Wool & Velveteen Dresses
Formerly $5.00 Reduced to $2.50 | *Formerly $8.50 Reduced to $4.50* | *Formerly $14.50 Reduced to $7.50*

53 Girls' Party Dresses
Formerly $15.00 Reduced to $7.50 | *Formerly $20.00 Reduced to $11.50* | *Formerly $25 to $30 Reduced to $13.50*
None C. O. D., credited nor exchanged—Fourth Floor

Clearance Saturday of
$7.50 and $8.50 Boys' Suits at $5.00
With two pairs of knickers

Broken lots and sizes of fancy mixture suits and fine soft corduroy suits in a variety of smart models. From regular stock, and tailored with all the customary excellence of Saks productions for boys.
Second floor

$6.50 Mackinaw Coats at $3.95
Shawl collar, patch pocket models, made in warm, colorful mackinaw plaids. A liberal variety of patterns to select from, and every coat a bargain at this figure. Ages 8 to 18 years.

$7.50 Chinchilla Overcoats at $4.95
Double-breasted Balmacaan and belted back models, with convertible collar. Serviceably, stylishly made garments, flannel lined, but in broken sizes only. Ages 3 to 10 years.

$4 and $5 Boys' and Girls' Sweater Coats at $2.85
Extra heavy knit, shawl collar sweater garments, in Jumbo and Shaker weaves, and the wanted colors. Broken sizes.
Second floor

Clearance of Women's Suits
our entire stock at radical reductions Saturday

New models, most of them fur-trimmed, in chiffon broadcloths, cheviots, wide wales, wool failles, gabardines, English coverts, chiffon velvets, velveteens and broadtails—a splendid latitude of choice, and the utmost in values.

62 Suits......*were up to $29.50*....now $12.50
212 Suits......*were up to $39.50*....now $17.50
133 Suits......*were up to $45.00*....now $22.50
187 Suits......*were up to $59.00*....now $27.50
26 Suits......*were up to $125.00*....now $45.00

New Cossack Suits *Value $50.00* } $29.50
The newest suit creation of the season—designed with long, full circular flare coat, bound with beaver or skunk opossum fur, and cuffs and choker collar to match. Tailored in a fine chiffon broadcloth, in the smart shades.

Clearance of Women's Coats and Wraps
every garment reduced for Saturday by a tremendous margin

Evening wraps, carriage wraps, afternoon coats, street and sport coats, in a great variety of models, and in the following pretentious selection of fabrics?—

Chiffon Beaded
Chiffon Velvet
Panne Velvet
Brocaded Plush
Brocaded Velvet
Satin & Faille
Broadcloth
Silk Plush
Imported Velour
Cut Plush
Velvet Corduroy
Broadtail & Caracul
Pomoire
Zibelines
Imported Mixtures
Wool Plush
Cheviot
Peau de Soire
Velour de Laine
Ripple Cloth
Plushes
Velvet
Pebble Cheviot
Vicuna
Boucle
Chinchilla
Kitten Ear Cloth
Billard Cloth

Coats....*were $15 to $18.50*.... now $7.50
Coats....*were $19.50 to $25*....now $10.00
Coats....*were $27.50 to $35*....now $15.00
Coats & Wraps....*were $37.50 to $45*....now $22.50
Coats & Wraps....*were $49.50 to $55*....now $26.50
Coats & Wraps....*were $59.50 to $75*....now $33.00
Coats & Wraps....*were $79.50 to $150*....now $50.00
None C. O. D., exchanged nor on approval—Fourth floor.

Clearance Saturday of
Matched Fur Sets
reduced an exact half

The number of these sets is limited, but the values are so remarkable that that fact should serve only as a further stimulus to whoever is interested—they constitute a wonderful opportunity.

$150.00 Pointed Sitka Fox Sets.....$75.00
$165.00 Natural Cross Fox Sets.....$82.50
$165.00 Mole Combination Sets.....$82.50
$125.00 White Fox Sets...........$62.50
$100.00 Natural Wolverine Sets.....$50.00
$85.00 Mole Sets...............$42.50
$75.00 Natural Alaska Blue Wolf Sets..................$37.50

For Misses and Children
Muffs and Neckpieces, in chinchilla squirrel, wildcat, mole coney, natural raccoon, and blue, white or tan moufflon. *Formerly up to* $10.00 each—now } $3.95
Muffs and Neckpieces, in silver kitt, coney, imitation ermine and white Iceland Fox. *Formerly up to* $6.50 each—now } $2.45
200 Children's Muffs and Neckpieces, in a variety of furs. *Formerly up to* $3.75 each—now } $1.00

Clearance Saturday of
Women's Dresses
Limited to two or three dresses of any one style—but there is a most liberal range of selection in consequence.

20 Serge Dresses, odd models *reduced from $15.00*........to } $7.50
25 Satin & Serge Dresses *reduced from $25 & $29.50*..to } $14.50
40 Velveteen & Satin Dresses *reduced from $29.50*........to } $18.50
30 Charmeuse Afternoon Dresses *reduced from $29.50*........to } $18.50
50 Evening & Dancing Frocks *reduced from $20 & $25*....to } $12.95

Women's Serge Dresses *A new Spring model—value $18.50* } 12.50
An Empire waistline model, with Bolero effect, and a full three yards circular skirt. Made of a fine serge, with vestee, and collar of putty color, or white faille silk, and lined to waist. In navy, black, brown, Copenhagen and green, 34 to 42.

Clearance of Women's Overgaiter Boots
Reduced from regular stock Saturday

The newest modes in smart footwear—assembled only during the past few weeks—exhibiting the most distinctive combination effects in *colored buckskin and Dreadnought cloth tops.*

$8.00 Boots at $5.85
Lace and button, in imported patent calf, coltskin and gun metal.

$7.00 Boots at $4.85
Button styles only, made of patent coltskin and gun metal calf.

$6.00 Boots at $3.95
Lace and button, in tan Russia calf—button in patent colt and gunmetal.

$5.00 Boots at $3.45
Both lace and button styles, of coltskin and gun metal calf.

BOOK TELLS STORY OF BELGIAN MISERY

Rich and Poor in Line for a Bun and a Bowl of Cabbage Soup Each Day.

ALL FOOD IN CITIES POOLED

Comfort Kits to French Trenches for Christmas—Sermons on Relief Today.

A book issued yesterday by the American Commission for Relief in Belgium deals with conditions in that country and plans for relief. It is of interest to note that instead of a large part of the Belgian non-combatants having left the country, only about 1,000,000 have departed, while more than seven times that many are still there, and the great majority destitute.

"Up to the second week in October," the book says, "when the Germans swept the territory as far as the coast, it was possible to import food through Ostend and Zeebrugge. From that time on the Germans proceeded to garrison the frontiers and to prohibit all communication with any part of the world except Germany. With their Summer crops ruined, their accumulated food consumed by the invaders, their milch cattle driven off or killed for beef, and their coasts and borders barred to imports, the Belgians by the middle of October faced starvation.

"The Belgians have no money. Industry stopped with the entrance of the Germans, and the funds in the Belgian banks were exhausted paying the fines and indemnities levied by the Germans on the Belgian cities and provinces.

"The statement that Belgium is on the verge of starvation," it is added, "is literally true. By the end of October many Belgian cities had pooled their food, and rich and poor were virtually being fed in bread lines. In Liége and Charleroi the authorities were giving out one bun and one bowl of cabbage soup a day to rich and poor. In Hammé, near Antwerp, a consignment of American food reached the people on the very day when they had consumed their last ounce of flour. All Belgium needs food and needs it immediately.

"The arrival of ships sent from America in the first enthusiasm for Belgian relief probably prevented any deaths from starvation, except among the young babies, many of whom perished for lack of milk; but unless the Americans gather food and funds in greater quantities than heretofore, thousands and perhaps millions of Belgians will starve during the coming Winter."

The American Commission estimated that it would take from 80,000 to 90,000 tons of food to feed the Belgians this Winter, the calculation being based upon a ration of ten to twelve ounces of the plainest food a day for each inhabitant. This, it is added, is probably the smallest allowance on which life can be maintained, as is indicated by the fact that the average citizen of New York consumes forty-two ounces of food every day in the year.

Belgian Fund Receives $4,973.

The Belgian Relief Fund was increased by $4,973.62 yesterday, and now totals $730,345.85. Subscriptions should be sent to J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street, or to the Belgian Relief Committee, 8 and 10 Bridge Street. Yesterday's subscriptions of $10 or more were:

G. F. Morgan	$1,000
Oshkosh (col.)	150
W. J. Baxter	100
C. S. B.	100
Anonymous	100
W. W. Reese	500
Anonymous	155
Oswego (col.)	128
Canaseraga (col.)	62
Roswell, N. Mex., (col.)	50
Ten-Cent Fund	47
Anonymous	50
D. W. Cooper	50
Rahway C. Club	116
Robert Little	15
Anonymous	10
A. C. Howe	25
C. J. Crary	25
A. B. Thacher	25
F. E. Mamier	10
Cong. Ch. Bunker Hill, Ill.	10
J. E. Peabody	10
N. C. Matchett	10
A. R. Abbott	10
M. A. R.	10
Mrs. H. W. Craver	10
Loudonville, O., Pres. Ch.	23
C. Falhurst	10
Flemingsburg, Ky. Ch. Ch.	30
G. P. Fiske	25
Donna, Tex., (col.)	38
Abby Rockefeller	50
Percy White	10
A. Geoffroy	10
C. M. H.	25
Rev. H. L. Barleson	10
Carrie V. Harrison	10
John C. Prize	15
Edward Beers	20
W. F. Burleigh	35
Pauline Baker	10
Cleveland Grains Drying Co.	25
Anonymous	12
Kingsley School	38
W. M. Adam	10
Ref. Ch., Hudson, N. Y.	44
W. P. Abbott	20
G. J. Pfeiffer	10
J. M. MacDonald	25
W. H. Cutler	30
Leigh Page	30
Cong. Ch., Norwich, Conn.	10
Memory Al. Caldwell	10
Pres. S. S., Schenectady	11
S. G. Harris	10
C. M. Hewitt	10
Caroline F. Meredith	1
G. A. Steele	10
Anonymous	10
F. M. Eldridge	15
Mrs. F. S. Merriam	10
R. H. B.	10
S. W. Childs	10
O. A. Risk	10
C. J. Chapman	10
K. Kemble	100
Young Women's Bible Cl., Chapel Incarnation	15
I. J. Bernheim	25
Mrs. C. O. De Camp	10
H. Escher	10
D.	10
H. V. V. W.	10
Amy B. Lowrie	25
Memory Father	10
Helen D. Brown	15
Anonymous	11
Bap. Ch., Plymouth	22
U. P. Ch., Delhi, N. Y.	10
Etheredge Walker	100
Odele Lemarie	25
Clara B. Spence	360
Mabel T. Thurber	50
A Friend	20
Belgian Beneficial Association	57
Paul Fuller	100
G. H. Herty	10
Mrs. G. C. Arnold	100
E. Terneus (col.)	80

Dollar Christmas Fund $49,371.

Donations of $911 were received by Henry Clews yesterday, bringing the Dollar Christmas Fund to $49,371. Amounts of $10 and upward follow:

H. M. Auir (col.)	$228
Fred Sperry	50
W. H. Reeves	50
"Employe"	50
Waterloo Courier	40
E. H. Nixon	25
P. S. B.	25
C. L. Potter	25
"C."	25
Le Ray Journal	22
Lyons, Mich.	[illegible]
G. A. Peck	[illegible]
Mrs. Sarah Whitin	10
G. M. Rae	$10
Mrs. G. R. Turnhall	10
Mrs A. H. Whitney	10
Justin E. Gale	10
J. H. McGuffy	10
Mrs. A. Eagle	10
Mrs. James F. Sutter	10
J. M. Simmons	10
Henry Sheafer	10

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, telegraphing yesterday to Percy Bullen, Secretary, said: "Delighted to co-operate in splendid work of alleviating distress in Belgium by devoting entire proceeds of performance at Cort Theatre, San Francisco, Christmas Day to Dollar Christmas Fund."

Mercy Fund Gets Red Cross Gift.

August Belmont, Treasurer of the Committee of Mercy, announced yesterday that the committee's relief fund is now $90,312.96. The Committee of Mercy has received from the American Red Cross, which, under its charter, confines its efforts to relief of wounded soldiers, $745.42, raised by citizens of Easton and Philipsburg, Penn. The Woman's Club of Easton forwarded this sum to the Red Cross for "the needs of the women and children of the war sufferers."

Other contributions of $10 or more were:

GENERAL FUND.	
E. B. Scripps, La Julla, Cal.	$10
Percy Litchfield, Brooklyn	10
BELGIAN FUND.	
State College Church Federation of Penn.	25
BRITISH FUND.	
Mrs. C. K. Cummings, Boston	50
GERMAN FUND.	
Mrs. S. Rinck Foot, Circleville, Ohio	10

The Prince of Wales National Relief Fund in the United States now totals $101,110.67. This was announced yesterday by R. M. Stuart Wortley, the Treasurer of the fund, to whom subscriptions should be sent, at 25 Broad Street.

Comfort Kits for Christmas.

The first of the American-made comfort kits sent by the Lafayette Fund will be delivered to the French soldiers this Christmas morning. The kits have been forwarded to the trenches by the French Government. The kits were sent from New York on the French liner Rochambeau, whose arrival at Havre was announced in a cablegram to the Lafayette Fund yesterday.

A cable message sent from Paris by M. Lacour-Gayett, who is in charge of the work of forwarding these kits and other articles to the men in the trenches, was received yesterday by the Executive Committee of the fund. It said in part:

"We thank the Lafayette Fund Committee very deeply for its magnificent shipment of kits and woolen articles made up in America for our soldiers. We are deeply touched by this splendid sympathy on the part of the United States."

In their Christmas sermons today more than 2,000 clergymen of all denominations throughout the United States, if not the entire world, will dwell at length on the needs of starving Belgium. This action of the priests will come as a result of a request in country-wide form to them by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Two weeks ago a number of ministers and priests stated to the commission that it was their intention to devote their Christmas sermon this year to the subject of Belgium, and suggested that steps be taken to make their individual action general.

THREE NEUTRALITY PLANS.

Pan-American Commission Divides to Consider Each of Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Committees to consider the plans already presented by various South American countries for the maintenance of neutrality by the republics of the Western Hemisphere were named at today's meeting of the Special Commission of the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union.

Three committees were named, as follows: The Ambassador from Brazil and the Ministers from Peru and Honduras, to consider the Peruvian plan; the Ambassador from Chile and the Ministers from Uruguay and Cuba, that of Chile, and the Ambassador from Argentina, Secretary Bryan and the Minister from Ecuador, the remaining three members of the commission, to give their attention to a plan which Argentina may present later.

The Peruvian plan would provide for enlarged neutral zones in both the Atlantic and Pacific, which would be declared free from all activities of belligerent warships and wide open to all neutral shipping. The Chilean plan comprises the decree announced by that country several days ago and presented to the State Department by Ambassador Suarez. It provides that belligerent vessels in American ports should be given only enough coal to take them to the nearest port in the adjoining country, unless they agree to go direct to European ports, and that if any merchant ship violates Chile's rules of neutrality no coal shall be furnished in a Chilean port to any vessel belonging to the company owning the offending vessel. The Chilean Government contends that if this set of neutrality regulations were adopted uniformly by the American republics there would be no difficulty in maintaining strict neutrality on this hemisphere.

The commission decided to meet again Jan. 7.

NAVY WIRELESS FOR PUBLIC.

Secretary Daniels Would Open Stations to General Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Authority for opening all naval radio stations to commercial business was sought by Secretary Daniels today in a lettter addressed to the House Naval Committee, submitting a provision for inclusion in the forthcoming appropriation bill.

A memorandum furnished the committee set forth that handling of private messages by the Government would increase the efficiency of the stations, and at the same time tend to prevent the erection of purely commercial stations in the same locality.

Twenty-four naval radio stations are now open to commercial business under the law of 1912 and the memorandum said there were eighteen others, exclusive of lightships and special stations available for this purpose.

CARNEGIE PLANS UNION FOR PEACE

Cables Earl Grey and Belgium's King Christmas Messages of Good-Will.

PLEADS FOR ARBITRATION

This Greatest and Most Uncalled-For of All Wars Should Be the Last, He Says.

Andrew Carnegie cabled Christmas messages yesterday to Earl Grey, Chairman of the British Centenary Committee, and King Albert of Belgium, expressing the hope that the warring nations may soon reach peace by arbitration through The Hague tribunal, and suggesting a union of the English speaking peoples for the preservation of universal and permanent peace. In his message to Earl Grey, Mr. Carnegie, who is a member of the American Peace Centenary Committee that had planned to celebrate with the English at Ghent the signing of the Treaty of Ghent 100 years ago, said:

> New York, Dec. 24
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> Dear Earl Grey—Ere this reaches Your Lordship, the two English speaking lands will have enjoyed 100 years of peace, and far beyond this, the blessed revelation that in the upward march of civilization war between the two loving brother nations has become unthinkable.
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> Beyond all this other blessings pale, for the killing of men by men in battle is the crime of crimes in this civilized age, and this, alas, many of the nations are today writhing under. Which is blameable and in what degree it were improper to presume to judge; but of one thing we feel assured, this greatest, saddest, and most uncalled for of all wars known to history, should be the last tolerated by the most advanced of all powers.
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> Were only one or two of these powers to agree with our two English speaking nations in proclaiming that after the present war is settled, international disputes shall hereafter be adjusted by peaceful arbitration at The Hague, as others have been to the entire satisfaction of all the litigants, the world would soon enjoy the greatest of all blessings.
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> In this sacred work, our two countries should be foremost and hasten to arouse their desire that the present war shall be the last. Should they fail to receive the needful support from others, and very little of that would suffice, we shall at least have done our duty. This we shall have failed to do if we rest supine.
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> Let our English speaking race unite in raising the standard that it may be seen of all men, "War dethroned, Peace proclaimed." ANDREW CARNEGIE.

To the citizens of Ghent Mr. Carnegie conveyed an expression of good-will through this message to the King of Belgium:

> War having interrupted the plan of the citizens of Ghent to celebrate the anniversary in their ancient town of the signing of the treaty of peace between America and Great Britain, Dec. 24, 1814, please convey to the citizens of Ghent an expression of good-will from the members of the American committee, coupled with the hope and belief that peace will restore to Ghent and the country of which she is a part the happiness and reputation of the past.
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> Let me also further express the hope that we may soon meet under a condition of lasting peace to celebrate such an auspicious event as that of the signing of a treaty of peace in historic Ghent which has been kept for one hundred years.

It had been intended to have fifty Americans, fifty Englishmen, and fifty Belgians take part at Ghent yesterday in the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the treaty which led to one hundred years of peace between America and England, but the war prevented this.

GOOD-WILL FROM CANADA.

Peace Association Gives Thanks for Good Relations with United States.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The people of Canada are asked to celebrate "with devout thankfulness" the completion of 100 years of peace between the United States and Great Britain in an appeal issued tonight by B. E. Walker, President of the Canadian Peace Centenary Association, and C. F. Hamilton, Honorary Secretary.

"We address this appeal," they say, "to your memory of the history of our continent in a solemn and moving time. No such happy fortune has befallen the continent of Europe.

"But while the battle cloud hangs low, while our gaze is riveted upon scenes of death and suffering, we must not forget that North America presents a spectacle which is at once a contrast and a promise. We invite the gratitude of the Canadian nation for the merciful dispensation of Providence which has bestowed peace upon our own land. For 100 years the sword has been sheathed upon the border between Canada and the United States. Two peoples, energetic, active, anxious to make the most of their possessions, have dwelt side by side and have avoided armed strife; occasions of difference have arisen, conflicts of interest have disturbed their harmony, but always the voice of calm reason has been heard and the disputes have been accommodated.

"We are convinced that the dealings of the great empire and the great republic afford a noble example to the rest of the world."

For a Peace Congress.

A World's Peace Congress Committee is being organized by the International Peace Forum to call a conference of the nations after this war has ended. Matters relating to disarmament and the establishment of an international arbitral court will be discussed, along with such other matters as may tend to insure permanent peace. The first meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Metropolitan Temple, Fourteenth Street and Seventh Avenue.

The speakers at this meeting will be John Hays Hammond, Bainbridge Colby, and Dr. John Wesley Hill, President of the Industrial Peace Forum. Dr. Hill will preach at the Metropolitan Temple next Sunday morning on "The Peacemaker."

Honor Signer of Ghent Treaty.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec 24.—Equal suffragists of Wilmington put a wreath on the grave of James Ashton Bayard, one of the signers of the Treaty of Ghent, who is buried here.

DANIELS PAVES WAY FOR NAVAL RESERVE

Submits a Bill to Organize a Force Composed of Discharged Sailors.

AIMS TO SPUR ENLISTMENTS

Provides a Scale of Remuneration Ranging from $12 a Year to Half Pay.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A first step in the direction of bringing the navy to a state of bettter preparedness for any hostile emergency was taken today by Secretary Daniels, when he sent to the Naval Committees of the Senate and the House the draft of an amendment providing for the authorization of a naval reserve from among honorably discharged enlisted men of the regular navy. In his letters Secretary Daniels urged that the amendment be included in the Naval Appropriation bill to be enacted at the present session of Congress.

Mr. Daniels said such a law would promote the efficiency of the navy in two ways. The first was that it would make available a reserve organization of trained men to supplement the regular establishment in time of war. The second was that it would increase the efficiency of the regular navy by offering a substantial inducement to enlisted men to continue in the service for periods of twelve, sixteen, and twenty years.

The principal features of the reserve amendment are:

Men who have had twenty years of honorable service may upon their own application be transferred to the reserve on half pay; those of sixteen years' service with one-third pay; those of twelve years' service with one-fourth pay; those of eight years' service with $60 a year; those of four years' service with $30 a year, and those now in civil life who have been honorably discharged within eight years may enlist in the naval reserve and receive pay at the rate of $12 a year and uniform clothing outfit. Provision is made for periodical assembling for muster inspection and drill. In his letter to the committees, Secretary Daniels said:

> The records of the Navy Department for the last three years indicate that there is an annual average of about 3,150 men honorably discharged from the service, who do not re-enlist in the navy, but take up civil pursuits. The greater proportion of these men quit the service after only one enlistment. It is believed that the legislation herein proposed offers an inducement which will cause more of these experienced men to remain longer in the regular service, and that practically all of those who do not re-enlist in the navy will nevertheless enlist in the Naval Reserve. In other words, the number of men annually lost to the service will be greatly reduced.
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> Each re-enlistment in the navy saves the Government the cost of an outfit of clothing and the time and money spent in training and recruiting. The cost of an outfit furnished a recruit, $60, will alone cover the annual pay of one enlisted member of the reserve who has had eight or more years of service in the navy; or of two members of the reserve who have had less than eight years' service in the navy; or of five members of the reserve who enlist therein after four months from the date of their discharge from the navy.

Mr. Daniels included in his letters the following table showing the number of enlisted men of the navy and their length of service on June 30, 1914:

Under 4 years	34,027
More than 4 and less than 8 years	10,909
More than 8 and less than 12 years	4,529
More than 12 and less than 16 years	1,588
More than 16 and less than 19 years	745
More than 19 and less than 22 years	407
More than 22 and less than 25 years	249
More than 25 and less than 28 years	136
More than 28 years	77
Total	52,667

Commenting on this table, Secretary Daniels said:

> It will be seen from this table that in the past little inducement has been given to an enlisted man to make the service his life vocation, or even to remain long enough in the service to give the Government a full return for the cost of his outfit and training. It will also be noted that about two-thirds of the total number of the enlisted men of the navy are serving in their first enlistment, a fact which indicates the necessity of making a substantial inducement to men to remain in the service for eight, twelve, sixteen, or twenty years. Should such a result be accomplished, true economy will be had, first in the greatly increased efficiency of the navy by the retention in the service of a greater number of trained men, and second, by the reduced cost of recruiting, outfitting, and training many thousands of recruits annually.
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> It is believed that this proposed legislation will accomplish the above purposes as well as provide an organized and trained reserve of which the navy and the country stand in so great need. Should war unfortunately occur there will be ready at hand men who have successfully undergone training in active service, available without delay and confusion, to fill the places in the service which must be filled at such a time.

GIVES $14,300 TO CHURCH.

Miss Wyckoff Divides Estate Between Relatives and Religion.

Bequests to religious organizations aggregating $14,300 were made in the will of Miss Mary A. Wyckoff, who died at her home at 710 Highland Avenue, Newark, on Nov. 21. The will was filed yesterday.

Miss Wyckoff's will provides that $11,300 shall be distributed among various missions and funds of the Reformed Church, the Board of Foreign Missions getting $3,000, the Board of Home Missions $3,000, the Disabled Ministers' Fund $2,000, the Widows' Fund $500, the Building Fund, $500, and the Board of Publication $300. The Reformed Church of Bedminster receives $2,000, the American Bible Society $2,000, and the American Tract Society $1,000.

Relatives of Miss Wyckoff receive bequests equaling the amount given to religious organizations. Among the bequests are $6,000 to her brother, C. Martin Wyckoff, of Bedminster, Somerset County, and $4,000 each to Henry M. Wyckoff, a nephew, and Mrs. Mary Tiger, a niece. C. Martin Wyckoff is the residuary legatee and one of the executors.

Italy Doubles Fair Allotment.

Capt. Asher Carter Baker, U. S. N., retired, who returned from Paris on the Lusitania, said yesterday that Italy had decided to double her allotment for the San Francisco Exposition, and was shipping vast quantities of her art treasures by the United States ship Jason.

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An Important Offering of Men's Overcoats

will present garments of really fine qualities at prices that are very much lower than usual.

Men's Imported Overcoats, made of very desirable double-faced woolen materials, affording warmth without undue weight; yoke and sleeves satin-lined . . . at $27.00

Men's Overcoats in this season's models (including semi-box back); made of fine melton in black or gray, silk-lined throughout and finished with velvet collar; or of desirable double-faced materials, with yoke and sleeves silk-lined . . . at $22.50

Men's Overcoats in a variety of the wanted textiles, including melton, kersey, and double-faced novelty materials; in semi-fitting and full box back models, some silk-lined throughout and finished with velvet collar; others having yoke and sleeves satin-lined, and a collar of self material . . . at $17.50

Also Men's Fur-lined Overcoats

suitable either for street or motor wear; made of dark gray cloth, lined with natural muskrat and finished with beaver collar; a smart, distinctive coat . . . at $58.00
(Men's Wear Department, First Floor)

A Sale of Men's Shoes

to be held in the Department on the First Floor, will consist of a particularly attractive assortment of Men's Footwear in several of the best styles, taken from the regular stock and marked, irrespective of original prices, at $4.75 & 5.85 per pair.

Fur Muffs and Neckpieces

composed of the popular pelts, will be placed on sale Tomorrow (Saturday) at very special prices.

MUFFS		NECKPIECES
$18.50	Smoked Wolf	$14.50
15.00	Rose Wolf	11.50
15.00	Hudson Seal	15.00
21.00	Pointed Fox	15.00
35.00	Chinchilla Squirrel	16.50

Also Women's Fur and Fur-lined Coats, Men's Fur-lined Dress Overcoats, and Children's Fur Sets, at most attractive prices.
(Fur Department, Third Floor)

A Clearance Sale of Women's Boots and Slippers

to commence tomorrow (Saturday), will comprise all styles about to be discontinued. This Footwear, heretofore in stock at $5.00 to $10.00 per pair, will be specially priced as follows:
Slippers . . . . per pair $2.75
Boots . . . per pair $3.25, 4.35 & 5.85
(Women's Shoe Department, Second Floor)

Appreciable Reductions have been made in the prices of
Women's Coats and Wraps
including Overgarments for both dress and practical wear.

Extraordinary Price Reductions have been effected in Misses' Tailor-made Suits, Afternoon and Evening Dresses, Coats, Wraps, etc.; also in Girls' School Dresses, Coats and Separate Skirts.

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Misses' and Girls' Coats

Girls' Fur Trimmed Coats
Of imported broadcloth, Russian model, velvet belt, collar and cuffs trimmed with skunk opossum fur; silk lined and warmly interlined. 6 to 14 years.
Heretofore $19.75 14.50

Misses' Fur Collar Coats
Of imported wool velour, in brown, green, taupe, navy or black; large collar of skunk opossum; silk lined; warmly interlined. 14 to 20 years.
Heretofore $29.50 19.75

Girls' Fur Trimmed Coats
Of imported broadcloth, in green, brown or navy, Russian model, with wide set-in belt, trimmed with skunk opossum fur; silk lined; interlined. 8 to 16 years.
Heretofore $29.50 18.50

Misses' Fur Trimmed Coats
Street or evening coats of plush, velvet, broadcloth, chinchilla, wool plush or silk velour; collar of mouflon, civet, kunk opossum or natural raccoon. 14 to 20 years.
Heretofore $39.50 29.50

AN IMPORTANT SALE SATURDAY
New Models of Misses' Fur Trimmed Suits
Made From the Balance of Materials From Our Custom Tailoring Workrooms
Five distinct models, showing new features in Coats and Skirts, of Broadcloth, Velour de Laine or Gabardine, trimmed with various furs; silk lined and warmly interlined; also one model of Broadcloth with Empire Coat and Flare Skirt not fur trimmed.
20.00
Actual Values $29.50 to $39.50

New Models at Special Prices

Misses' Afternoon Gowns
New Models and Materials
Of soft taffeta, crepe meteor, or crepe de Chine, in dark or light shades; also Evening Gowns of various silks, showing the new Empire lines. 14 to 20 years.
18.50 *Value $24.50*

Misses' Evening Gowns
Showing the New Empire Lines
Of soft taffeta, satin sublime or crepe meteor, in white, pink, coral, blue, maize or peach, combined with lace or maline. 14 to 20 years.
29.50 *Value $39.50*

Misses' and Girls' Shoes

Girls' Winter Shoes
Button or laced, tan or black Russia calf, on "Franklin" orthopedic lasts. 11 to 12½. Spring heels. 13 to 2. Low heels. Value $3.75 2.95

Misses' College Shoes
Made of selected tan or black Russia calf; buttoned or laced; hand welted soles, low heels. Sizes 2½ to 7½. Value $4.75 3.75

Saturday at Reduced Prices
Women's Coats, Suits and Gowns

Women's Fur Trimmed Suits, dressy models of velour de laine, broadcloth, gabardine or velveteen, fur trimmed.	Heretofore $39.50	20.00
Women's Evening Gowns, decollete models of satin sublime, trimmed with bands of velvet or silk maline.	Heretofore $29.50	22.50
Women's Winter Coats, of broadcloth, zibeline, wool velour or seal plush; some with fur collars.	Heretofore $29.50	18.50
Women's Fur Collar Coats, Street or Evening Coats of plush, velvet velour, broadcloth or vicuna, rich fur collars.	Heretofore $39.50	29.50

LEAVE TO EXPLORE UNKNOWN JUNGLES

Party Financed and Led by Day and Collins Will Visit Bolivia and Brazil.

EXPECT SOME RARE FINDS

Men Back of the Expedition Have Been Noted as Sportsmen and Big Game-Hunters.

An expedition financed and managed by Lee Garnett Day of 5 West Seventy-fifth Street and Alfred M. Collins of Philadelphia will start from here tomorrow to explore unknown parts of the South American jungles under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History and the Field Museum of Chicago. The party will include, in addition to Mr. Day and Mr. Collins, George K. Cherrie, naturalist of the Museum of Natural History; Robert H. Becker of the Field Museum, and W. F. Walker of Yale University. They will sail on the United Fruit Line steamer Matapan to Panama, and from there they will go first to La Paz, Bolivia.

From La Paz the expedition will cross the Andes by pack train and descend into a part of Bolivia which is entirely new to the collector. Mr. Day said last night that the party planned to descend either the Beni or the Marore Rivers, and to reach the Amazon eventually by the Madeira River.

Lee Garnett Day, who graduated from Yale University in 1911, is the son of the late Henry Mason Day, and is a member of the firm of Bennett, Day & Co., at 151 Hudson Street, of which his father was a member. He has hunted big game in India, and recently returned from a trip of five months' exploration in Brazil. He is a member of the Colony Club at New Haven and the Yale Club here.

Alfred Collins, a graduate of Haverford College, is well known as a polo enthusiast, and hunted big game in Africa two years ago. A year ago he headed a hunting expedition to Alaska. He and Mr. Day have shot game throughout this country and Canada. Mr. Collins is a member of the Bryn Mawr polo team, with which he played winning matches at Narragansett, and is a member of the Country Club of Philadelphia.

George K. Cherrie was with Col. Roosevelt's South American expedition, which brought back 2,100 specimens of birds and of 500 animals. Robert H. Becker has had experience in the Amazon Valley and Southern Brazil in collecting for the Field Museum. Mr. Cherrie will endeavor to obtain a representative collection of birds during the trip, and Mr. Becker will collect mammals. At least six months will probably be required for the trip, but should the work require more time, it will be granted.

"Very little is known of the country or of the animal life in the sections through which we propose to go," said Mr. Day. "Not a specimen of the mammal or of bird life has ever been obtained there. Should we be successful in getting specimens some of them at least should prove to be of value to the collections of the museums because of their rarety.

"While Mr. Collins and I have been more particularly interested in game, the expedition is designed to study all the conditions which may come under our observation, and this will be especially true of the naturalists and scientists who will accompany us, Messrs. Cherrie and Becker. It was about 500 miles north of some points of our expected explorations that Wilfred Osgoode of the Field Museum found the rare specimen of the 'spectacled' bear. We may not find anything so interesting as that, but we think there must be many other unusual things in bird and animal life in these unexplored regions that will well repay our trouble."

The specimens of birds gathered by the expedition will go to the New York Museum of Natural History, and the mammals are to be put in the Field Museum. Should duplicate sets be obtained, they will be divided between the two museums.

ELOPERS WED IN SOUTH.

Young Pantano, Drugged and Abducted, but Defied His Father.

Friends here received word last night of the marriage in Savanah, Ga., of Vincent F. Pantano, son of P. Pantano, a grocer and importer of this city, to Miss Mariette Bierman, the 16-year-old daughter of Edward Bierman of 426 East Eighty-fifth Street. Pantano is only 21 years old and the young people eloped, though they had the consent of Mr. Bierman. The elder Pantano, however, according to his son, tried in every way to prevent the marriage.

He had picked out a girl for his son, according to the young man, and when he found young Pantano had made up his mind for himself on last Sunday the young man told his friends that he was drugged and awoke in New Jersey in company with two stalwart men in the employ of his father. He started a fight as soon as he came to his senses, but they overpowered him and put him on a train for Philadelphia, where they took him to the Continental Hotel. He resumed the fight there, and his guards became so disheartened they took him back to Newark and notified his father.

"He told me if I married Mariette he wouldn't have me in New York," the young man told his friends. "He said he wouldn't give me a penny and would cut me off with a dollar in his will. I guess he wouldn't leave me that much if he could help it. But her parents haven't any objections and we are going to be married."

The same friends learned last night that Pantano had an affidavit from Mr. Bierman giving his consent to the marriage of his daughter, and equipped with this the couple had no trouble in getting a license in Savannah. They were married there by Justice of the Peace John K. Reynolds.

ELEVATOR PLUNGE HURTS 6.

Apartment House Car Drops to Basement—Lax Inspection Alleged.

Joseph Payne, the negro elevator operator in the Clifton, a seven-story apartment house at 2,010 Seventh Avenue, near 121st Street, had taken two men and three women passengers into his car last evening from the upper floors and had started downward when he found that he could not halt the car at the fourth floor, where others were waiting. Suddenly the car began to drop, and those in it were thrown from their feeet when it bumped at the basement and rebounded to the first floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kay and Payne were bruised, but otherwise unhurt. Miss Regina Weil, Mary Cook, her maid, and Emory Lauer suffered severely from shock, and Miss Weil and her maid were sent to bed.

Supt. Edward Marshall said he thought the elevator motor had been out of order. The elevator was inspected recently by the Building Department, and Henry Weil, a brother of Miss Weil, wrote a letter to Mayor Mitchel, telling him that it was reported in the house that the Inspectors had overlooked the motor in their investigation.

GIRL CATCHES NEGRO THIEF.

Drags Him from a Car by the Ear After He Robs a Shop.

Miss Anna Wubben, a young woman who has been working in the holiday season as a store detective at Koch's department store in 125th Street near Seventh Avenue, saw a small negro grab an overcoat on the second floor of the store last night and stuff it into a satchel he was carrying. She followed him to the street. The negro ran for a crosstown trolley car with Mico Wubben close behind him. Just as he jumped aboard she seized him by the ear and the negro tumbled back to the street, dropping the satchel. Miss Wubben, who is slight in build, held the negro by the ear and called for the police. Policeman Hastings of the West 123d Street Station arrested her captive.

At the station the negro said he was Joseph Robinson, and that he lived in Forty-first Street near Eighth Avenue. The police said they found the overcoat in the satchel he had carried and he was held on the charge of petit larceny.

WHITMAN CLEARS UP THE BAFF MURDER

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Association has been under suspicion since the murder of Baff because it was known that some of Baff's bitterest enemies were members of the organization, and some weeks before the poultryman was shot certain of the most violent members were heard to say in open meeting that Baff should be killed.

Tells of Previous Assault.

Simon Weinthal volunteered his testimony before the Grand Jury and corroborated the story of James Moore, who confessed that Joe and Jake Cohen hired him to assault A. T. Pearson, Baff's business ally. Weinthal said that Joe Cohen, who is a contractor, had often supplied him with workmen, and that on several occasions he had sent Moore to him. His position, he said, afforded him an opportunity of learning the associations and connections of men in the market, and on information thus gained he was able to corroborate Moore's confession that he was "one of Joe Cohen's men." Moore's story has now been substantiated in many important points, and if the Cohen brothers are brought to trial he will probably be one of the chief witnesses against them.

When William Simon was first brought into the case yesterday he was considered of great importance, but Mr. Delehanty said last night that the importance of his testimony had decreased as the day went on. He is a well-to-do poultryman, in partnership with Louis Cohen, a cousin of Barnet Baff, and no relation to the Cohens under arrest. Simon and Cohen have a retail market at 320 East 110th Street, and another at 179 Lewis Street. They have no stall in the Washington Market, but go there to buy their poultry.

Simon was questioned by Assistant District Attorney Murphy on Wednesday night, and when he denied that he had information sought by Mr. Murphy the Assistant District Attorney ordered that he should be held as a material witness. All Wednesday night he was locked up in the House of Detention, and was unable to communicate with his family or lawyers.

Yesterday morning his lawyer, Edward W. Drucker, of 299 Broadway, demanded a hearing before Judge Malone. The hearing was granted and Simon was released in $10,000 bail furnished by a surety company. He was indignant over his arrest, and asserted before the Grand Jury and in public that he had no information of value in regard to the Baff murder.

Simon said that he was elected President of the Live Poultry Dealers' Protective Association in 1913, and held office for ten months untli last June, when he resigned both his office and his membership in the association. He became President, he said, on a salary of $50 a week, which had been paid only the first two weeks of his term. One of the reasons for his resignation was the failure of the Treasurer of the association to pay this salary as it fell due.

Poultry Association's Methods.

But Simon said he had two more important reasons for his resignation, one being that certain poultrymen whom he considered "undesirable" were admitted to the association and gained influence in it. He did not like the policies and methods of these men, he said, and resigned so that he might not b held responsible for anything they did. The other reason for his resignation was the entrance of M. M. Frankel into the affairs of the association.

While asserting that he liked Frankel and knew nothing against him, Simon said that Frankel had become Secretary of the association two weeks before his resignation and in that time had adopted such aggressive tactics toward Western shippers that he thought it wise to resign for business reasons. Frankel's activity in having representatives of the Western shippers whom he thought guilty of bad practices put in jail, Siman said, antagonized the shippers, who blamed him because he was the association's President. Rather than lose the friendship of the men from whom he bought his poultry, Simon quit the association.

Simon asserted that he had been very friendly with Barnet Baff up to the day of his murder, and that he had been one of Baff's largest customers. He was friendly with Harry Baff also, he said, up to the time of his father's death. Since then, he admitted, Harry Baff has refused to speak to him and has criticised him. He explained this by saying that young Baff had become overwrought by the murder of his father and had blamed almost every man in the market for it.

Alfred J. Gilchrist, counsel for the Cohen brothers, complained to the District Attorney yesterday that another of his clients, a reputable business man, was being annoyed by detectives who followed him wherever he went. This man, he said, was willing to appear before the Grand Jury and tell all he knew or give bail for his appearance at any time, but he resented being "shadowed" as though he was a criminal. Mr. Gilchrist would not make the name of his client known, nor would the District Attorney. It was admitted only that he was one of the business men in the Washington Market.

It became known yesterday that about forty of the poultrymen connected with the market had been examined by the Grand Jury. Some have been unable to throw any light on the murder, but others gave valuable evidence. Their appearance confirmed Mr. Delehanty's prediction that witnesses would be searched for in the market "with a fine tooth comb."

Ex-Judge Leon Sanders, Chairman of the Citizens' Protective League, which held a mass meeting Wednesday night in Cooper Union to protest against gang rule, said yesterday that he would proceed at once to follow the instructions of the meeting embodied in the resolutions passed.

To Study Gang Outrages.

"I believe the purposes will best be served," he said, "by selecting eight or ten prominent and representative citizens to serve upon the committee which will carry the police inefficiency problem and the legislative recommendations to the Mayor, the Governor, and the Legislature. I have already appointed ex-Assistant District Attorney Frank Moss, Bainbridge Colby, Clarence J. Shearn, and Jefferson De Mort Thompson to serve on the committee and have received their acceptances. I shall announce the rest of those on the committee shortly.

"The committee will organize at a meeting to be held soon and plans for visiting the Mayor, the Governor, and the Legislature will be made. The headquarters of the Citizens' Protective League will be at the Hotel Martinique and they will be in charge of the league's Secretary, David Robinson. As chairman of the committee I want to request all citizens who possess facts of value relating to the police and gang situation to communicate with me. All information will be confidential. The committee will also seek the advice of experts."

The Grand Jury, which is investigating the Baff case, will not sit again until next Monday morning, but Mr. Whitman and Assistant District Attorneys Delehanty, Breckinridge, Deuel, and Murphy will devote much of their time to examining witnesses in the interval. Some of the assistants will work on the case on Christmas Day.

THREE GANG MEN CONVICTED.

Two Guilty of Robbery and One of Shooting in the Street.

Three gangsters were convicted yesterday in Judge Mulqueen's part of General Sessions. Terry Reilly and John Brown were found guilty of robbing the house of Thomas Jones at 244 East Forty-fourth Street, and Joseph Joyce, a member of the Gopher gang, was convicted of assault for shooting at a man running along Tenth Avenue.

Reilly has been arrested nine times since 1908, but succeeded in getting off. He was discharged five times. About a year ago he was accused of assaulting a man with a gas pipe and robbing him, but the victim lost his memory as a result of the blow and there was not evidence sufficient to convict. Reilly was discharged and then brought suit against the Police Department for $90, which they took from him on the ground that it was the proceeds of the robbery.

After Brown and Reilly were arrested Mr. and Mrs. Jones went to the District Attorney's office and asked to be sent to the House of Detention, as gangsters were trying to intimidate them. In previous cases against Reilly the complainants have often failed to appear, so their request was granted.

Joyce was arrested at Tenth Avenue and Thirty-seventh Street a few weeks ago as he was in the act of shooting at another man. He told the police that the man had robbed his house the night before.

BLEASE SETS EIGHT FREE.

South Carolina Governor's Clemency Record Now 1,445 Cases.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 24.—Gov. Blease today granted four pardons and four paroles to State prisoners in furtherance of his custom of granting clemency on the eve of the chief holidays. This was the smallest number pardoned at any time since the Governor was inaugurated first, nearly four years ago.

Today's action brings the total number of cases in which the Governor has exercised clemency up to 1,445

HEARN

Fourteenth Street West of Fifth Avenue

MAY the gates of Happiness open wide to you on Christmas Day.

May the New Year bring to you joy in life, unbroken friendships, and a multitude of cheerful memories.

JAMES A. HEARN & SON

We Have Done a Good Christmas Business

GIMBELS has won with the fathers, mothers and children that make up Greatest New York's 7,000,000 dwellers.

More people than ever before during a Christmas month have made it THEIR STORE.

It has brought happiness into thousands more homes—proved by the great increase in packages—and their value—delivered during December.

Thus the store, of which people said in the beginning to explain its success: "A new broom sweeps clean," has won its place as a New York Institution.

It is strongly fortified by its magnificent stocks against the utmost demands from the greatest number of people at one time.

Its continued growth in the hearts of the people of New York is of greater consequence to us than mere growth of business, which is already sufficient for the store's mercantile success.

For what you have done, and helped us to do—THANK YOU.

A Merry Christmas to You All

GIMBEL BROTHERS

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Broadway and Thirty-third St. Store Opens at 8:30

Tomorrow—The Absolute Disposal of Young Women's and Girls' Winter Apparel—An Annual Occasion

A sale without an equal, for the reason that GIMBEL apparel for The Younger Generation has held the leadership in New York for more than four years—this applies to quality, style and price.

If you are acquainted with our Block-long Salon on the Third floor, then you may be able to appreciate

The Magnitude of the Sale

for the many hundreds of suits, dresses and Coats which remained when the store closed last evening will all be in the sale.

It will be a quick clearance, as prices have been reduced very radically.

Young Women's $22.50 to $65 Coats at $15, $25 & $30

Broadcloth Fur Cloths Zibeline
Velvet Mixed Fabrics Plush
Fur-trimmed Coats at each price.

Young Women's $20 to $45 Suits, $15, $20, $25

Velveteen Chiffon Velvet Garbardine Broadcloth Fancy Worsteds Cheviot
Many Fur-trimmed Suits at $20 and $25.

Young Women's $15 to $18.50 Dresses at $9.75

Serge, Silk combined with other materials and Velveteen, also majority are in Navy, Black and Green.

Junior Girls' $10 to $13.50 Coats at $7.50

Juniors' $12.50 to $15 Serge Dresses at $7.50

Our Entire Stock of Young Girls' Winter Coats at $5

The previous—or regular—prices were exceptional, $7.50 to $10. Zibeline and Cheviot are the dominating materials. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Young Girls' $8.50 to $10 Serge Dresses at $5 Third Floor

All the Huge Toy Store Is Still Here
With Thousands of Toys with Prices Cut in Two

The GIMBEL Toy Store is in every sense a year-round institution and does not fold its tents like the circus and as quickly steal away after Christmas.

Not one bit of the gorgeous setting of our Toy Store will be changed until after December 31st, when certain modifications will have to be made.

The same great 1½ acre spread of the

Most Delightful Toys, Dolls and Games in the World

Will be kept intact for those who have plaything needs to fill and

After-Christmas Prices Are Most Interesting Fourth Floor

Important Announcement—On Monday, December 28th

A Gigantic Sale of Women's Suits, Dresses, Coats, Blouses and Millinery
Also
A Special-Purchase-Sale of Fine Furs

This Sale, we believe, will prove the Greatest Apparel Occasion presented in many years by any New York Store. Details will be announced in Sunday's newspapers.

Two Very Important Sales for Men Will Begin Tomorrow Morning

No. 1—

1588 Men's Winter Suits
1236 Men's Winter Overcoats
At $16.50
Effecting a Very Large Saving in Price

No. 2—

A Sale of Men's Shirts of Remarkable Excellence
At $1.05, $1.35 $2
Being the Result of Some Very Favorable Purchases

See Saturday Morning's Newspapers for Exact Details.

The Year's Great *Occasion* in Luxurious Cotton Dress Fabrics
Will Be Presented Next Monday in the Sale of
Exquisite Novelty Dress Cottons
from the Famous Rodier of Paris
At Half Regular Prices or Less

Next Sunday's newspapers will tell the story of this extraordinary purchase, and what it means to women who wish exclusive costumes for Southern Winter resorts.

GEN. SCOTT HEARS MAYTORENA'S SIDE

Reports That Progress Is Being Made, but More Conferences Are Necessary.

MEET AT BOUNDARY LINE

Salazar Threatens to Attack Town Opposite Columbus, N. M.—Rival Leaders Hold Their Places.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Gov. Maytorena of Sonora, the Villa commander, showed a friendly attitude and a disposition to consider a settlement of the Mexican border problem, according to Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, who conferred with him today in an army tent pitched on the international boundary four miles east of Naco.

"Progress," was what Gen. Scott said after this conference. "Very satisfactory," was his characterization of his meeting yesterday with Gen. Benjamin Hill, the Carranza leader who has been cooped up for ten weeks in Naco, Sonora, by Maytorena's troops.

Various solutions of the border problem, brought to a crisis by the killing of five persons and the wounding of forty-seven on the American side by stray Mexican bullets, were discussed at today's meeting. Gen. Scott said his mission was one "not to be rushed," and he thought that a series of conferences with the rival Mexican leaders would be necessary. The two conferences thus far were favorable, but indecisive, he said.

Scott and Maytorena frequently crossed the boundary during their discussion, which was held in range of Hill's guns. At Gen. Scott's request Hill discontinued firing in that direction.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, who has been sent to the border to negotiate with the warring Hill and Maytorena forces at Naco in an effort to persuade them not to fire across the line, telegraphed briefly to the War Department today that his negotiations were "progressing favorably." He said he had already held a conference with Gen. Hill, the Carranza commander who is defending Naco, and had an appointment to confer today with Maytorena and other leaders of the Gutierrez-Villa factions. Gen. Scott added that as soon as the conference was concluded he would advise the department in detail as to the result of his mission.

RIVAL LEADERS STAY.

Gutierrez Still at Mexico City, Carranza Near the Coast.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Enrique Llorente, confidential agent of the Mexican Conventionist faction in Washington, denied today the reports last night from the border which said that Gen. Eulalio Gutierrez, the Provisional President, had left the Mexican capital after a clash with Gens. Palafox, Angeles and Zapata and turned over the Government to a commission. The State Department received advices from John R. Silliman, the personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico City, which contained no allusion to friction between Gutierrez and the other leaders of the Conventionist faction.

The message from Consul Silliman said that Gutierrez and Villa had a long conference last night in Mexico City. There was no allusion in the message to any trouble in which Gutierrez figured or to any disorders in the Mexican capital, and the State Department officials believe that the reports sent from the border are incorrect. The Silliman message spoke favorably of the progress that had been made in restoring the machinery of the Federal Government in the capital.

The agency of the Constitutionalists in Washington, representing the Carranza faction, today denied current rumors that Carranza contemplated flight. The agency said it had received this telegram from Gen. Carranza, who had gone to Apizaco, a small place north of Puebla:

"I am in the town of Apizaco visiting the camps of our troops and I find them in high spirits and eager to assume the offensive against the reactionaries. Each time that the press prints a report that I am contemplating leaving the country kindly deny the same in order that the enemies of our cause will soon abandon the hope that I will soon depart from Mexico. Necessities of the campaign demand that I visit the lines of operations so that I may become acquainted with the necessities of the troops and keep in close touch with their movements."

Villa to Stay at the Capital.

A dispatch to the State Department today said that Gen. Villa had taken a house in Mexico City and would remain there indefinitely.

It was also reported that the case against Paul Hudson, proprietor and editor of The Mexican Herald, who was arrested on a charge of publishing political articles during previous Mexican Administrations, was still pending and that his declaration was taken on Dec. 23.

According to official advices received by the State Department today from Vera Cruz, the city government of that place has issued regulations respecting the kind, weight, and price of bread to be sold, as well as hours worked and the wages to be enforced in the bakeries. The report also stated that union labor was to be employed exclusively and that on legal holidays and Sundays no work was to be allowed.

The same dispatch informed the State Department that reports received at Vera Cruz "from reliable sources" were to the effect that the Constitutionalists at Orizaba and other places along the railway had taken possession of live stock and other articles to use them." Carranza was reported by Consul General Canada from Vera Cruz to have gone to Esperanza and to have returned from there to Cordoba, both on the railway between Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

With reference to the taking of certain horses from the plantation of Alexander Loch, an American citizen, the Carranza Foreign Office has advised Consul General Canada at Vera Cruz that one of the horses has been returned and that full protection will be accorded to Loch's property.

A message to the State Department from its representative at Eagle Pass, sent on Tuesday, said that the situation in the Piedras Negras Consular District was unchanged and that good order continued. It was also reported that there was no excitement as a result of the executions reported a few days ago. Trains continue to run to Monterey and Saltillo without molestation.

Señor Riaño, the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, today notified the State Department that the Spanish Government protested against the confiscation of the property of Spaniards by the forces of Zapata which have occupied Puebla.

Chiefs Meet in San Luis Potosi.

Special to The New York Times.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23, (via El Paso, Dec. 24.)—The text of the telegram from Martin Espinosa and other delegates to the convention given out tonight by Gen. Manuel Chao, Governor of the Federal District, says in part:

"We have the honor to inform you of our arrival in the City of San Luis Potosi, where we expect with entire liberty and without pressure of any kind to study and discuss the national problems confronting us. The reasons obliging us to take this step will be made public in a manifesto which we shall issue to the nation, according to our duty as faithful guardians of the convention flag. We entreat you to make known this decision to the public and the honorable Diplomatic Corps accredited to your Government."

WEST COAST WANTS PEACE.

Freely Predicted That Carranza Chiefs Will Leave the Country.

ON BOARD U. S. S. SAN DIEGO, Mazatlan, Dec. 23, (Via Wireless to San Diego, Dec. 24.)—In the hope of raising forces to check Villa sentiment on the west coast of Mexico, Gen. Jesus Carranza, brother of Gen. Venustiano Carranza, left Mazatlan today aboard the Mexican gunboat Guerrero for Salina Cruz. Gen. Carranza's departure followed upon a conference here with Gen. Iturbe.

Loyalty on the Guerrero to the Carranza party was considered so uncertain that a military guard went along to keep the crew from mutiny.

Interest in any further fighting along the Pacifc Coast has died out, and the soldiers are selling their arms and ammunition. Troops stationed at Mazatlan have destroyed the fortifications. Quiet prevails along the entire coast, and it is freely reported that the Carranza chiefs are preparing to leave the country.

One of the effects of the drawn-out warfare has been the shrinkage in the value of Mexican money, until one peso today in Mazatlan is worth only 15 cents American.

The assistance of the American Navy was required to extricate Capt. Stewart of the Pacific Mail liner San Juan from an embarrassing situation in Salina Cruz today. A Mexican General detained the vessel when she put in at that port, demanding transportation for his troops and horses. When the San Juan had been delayed an hour, however, the cruiser Raleigh was seen approaching, and the General hastily withdrew his request.

SALAZAR SEEKS A PORT.

Threatens Town Opposite Columbus, N. M.—American Ranch Seized.

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—The Mexican border town of Palomas, opposite Columbus, N. M., is threatened by the troops of Gen. Salazar, who has launched a revolution against both the Villa and the Carranza factions.

It was learned today that a small group of Salazar troops under Col. Manuel Gutierrez, a former commander of Federal irregular troops had raided and captured the American ranch property of the Palomas Land and Cattle Company just south of the Columbus port of entry, which is a subport of El Paso.

It is reported that Salazar intends to take Palomas, which is garrisoned by a few Villa troops, and thus secure for himself the same privilege of importing munitions of war which has been permitted the Carranza and the Villa forces at the ports of entry they control.

ROBS HOTEL NEWS STANDS.

Fur-Collared Overcoat Conceals Books He Picks Up.

While a man was buying theatre tickets at the news stand of the Belmont yesterday afternoon, only one of the young women who preside there being on duty, a man with a fur collar on his overcoat approached the further end of the stand and began to turn over the books and periodicals near him.

The young woman saw him. She interrupted her sale of tickets long enough to call a bellboy.

"Tell the house officer to come here," she said.

The man with the fur-collared overcoat heard, and left hurriedly for the front door.

It seems he has a habit of hanging over news stands, and, under pretext of examining books and magazines, manages to secrete a lot of them under his overcoat, and the attendants at stands all over the city have been warned to look out for him. Each of the young women at the Belmont stand knows him by sight, but it has been two months since he had been seen thereabout.

WOMAN WITH OPIUM ESCAPES ON LINER

Head of Big Smuggling Band Sailed on the Baltic When Arrests Were Made Here.

TWO HELD IN $15,000 BAIL

Wireless and Cable Used in Effort to Capture Chief of Conspirators on Landing.

Further investigation of the opium-smuggling plot has shown the Federal authorities that in the arrest of Kasudi Toda, the salesman for a London exporting company, they had let slip the person who is the real head of the conspiracy. She is a woman, whose name the authorities refused to give out yesterday, and she is believed to be on her way to England on the Baltic.

In her possession it is asserted are 400 cans of the best smoking opium, worth $20,000, and the Federal authorities have sent a wireless message to the commander of the liner to keep a watch on her and a cable dispatch to the Scotland Yard authorities to arrest her as soon as she lands in Liverpool.

The woman while she was in this city made her headquarters at a boarding house in Christopher Street, and it was to her that the sailors who were inveigled into the scheme used to deliver the opium as they brought it in. No one knows how much was thus smuggled past the authorities, but Assistant District Attorney Edwin M. Stanton, who has the case in charge, is inclined to believe that it was a very considerable amount.

It was the success which attended the woman's efforts which aroused the jealousy of members of the so-called "opium ring," who carry on most of the illicit trade in this country. They gave a tip to the customs authorities, which led to the arrests of Toda, Kaida Mitto, a Japanese butler; Toro Sata, a magazine writer, and James Murphy, the Adriatic's storekeeper.

When Toda was arrested on Tuesday night, it was noticed that he had a suitcase already packed. The Secret Service men asked him where he was going and he replied to Philadelphia. It is now believed by the Federal authorities that he was really planning to sail on the Baltic with the woman, and that they caught him just in time. They took from his room a portrait of the woman, which shows that she is unusually handsome and of middle age.

Joseph Marron, the fireman from the Lusitania, who was arrested on Wednesday night, was examined yesterday by Mr. Stanton. He said he had first heard of the conspiracy from an agent of the gang in Liverpool. He was told how other sailors had made comfortable sums, and how easy it was, and he was persuaded to bring over fifty cans of opium. All he would have to do, he was told, was to carry the drug ashore and deliver it to the house in Christopher Street.

Marron thereupon devised a belt, which he could wear under his overcoat, and to it attached the cans. He walked past the Customs Inspectors at the pier without suspicion, and at the Christopher Street house found a woman, who it is presumed was the woman now sailing to England on the Baltic. She told him that she was expecting some one from the Lusitania, as she had had a letter from Toda about him, and handed him £5 in English money. With this trip so successful, Marron brought over on the voyage which ended on Wednesday night 150 cans of opium, and he would have delivered them to the same address if he had not been arrested.

With William Thompson, a steward of the Lusitania, who also was arrested on Wednesday, Marron was arraigned yesterday before Commissioner Houghton. They had, according to Customs Inspector Hokenson, secreted the 150 cans of opium, which were worth $7,500, in their lockers aboard the ship. They were held in $15,000 each for further examination and were sent to the Tombs.

Meanwhile the customs inspectors are searching thoroughly the crews' quarters on every liner which arrives from England. They believe that the plot will be found to have a great many more ramifications than those which have been already discovered, and that before the investigation is complete it will be shown that the scheme is one of the largest ever conceived in this particular branch of smuggling.

FOUR HELD ON DRUG CHARGE.

Berlin, Whose "Narcotic" Was Made of Sugar, Is Discharged.

In connection with the attempt to put down the sale of narcotics in the neighborhood of schoolhouses, four men were held for trial yesterday in the Harlem Court. Henry Schuster of 2,148 Second Avenue, John Grasso of 2,945 West Thirty-first Street, Coney Island, and Edward Smith of 24 East 104th Street were held in $1,500 each. Edward Cluck of 1,514 Washington Avenue was held in $1,000 bail.

William Berlin, a jeweler of 28f West 114th Street, who was arrested in his apartment on the charge of having a narcotic in his possession, was discharged when Magistrate Murphy learned the power consisted only of sugar and milk. William oPtter of 240 West 120th Street, who was arrested in Berlin's apartment, however, was held in $1,000 bail on the charge of possessing two "decks" of heroin.

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THE best gift of all at Christmas time is the gift of your voice—and smile. It's a gift of friendliness and of thoughtfulness for others. It's a gift of your happiness to those who may have less. It's a gift that the telephone can deliver for you here, there, and everywhere, on this best of days.

Why not make the most of your Christmas day and send your voice and smiles out over the miles, to your friends who are far away?

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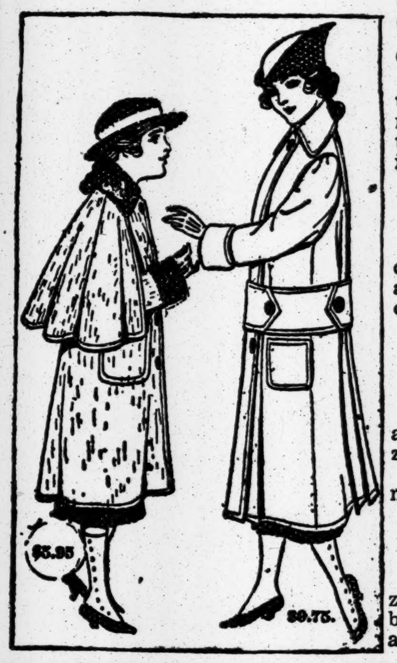

"A Merry Christmas to Everybody!"

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J. B. GREENHUT COMPANY.
"THE BIG STORE"
BOTH SIDES SIXTH AVE., 18TH TO 19TH STREET
"Meet me at the Fountain"

These Notable Sales for Tomorrow (Saturday)

MAIN BUILDING

$5 Gillette Safety Razors
Quantity Limited—Sale Tomorrow (Saturday) Only

A Standard Value the World Over—in a Sensational Sale at - $2.95

There's only one drawback to this sale—and that's the fact that we have only 684 razors to sell at this remarkably low price. TEN TIMES THAT NUMBER OF MEN WILL WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT BARGAIN.

Every one knows what the Gillette Razor is—IT'S THE BEST SAFETY RAZOR ON THE MARKET. A cool, clean shave is yours in a couple of minutes' time—and a saving of money every time you use it.

Get one for yourself or for a friend tomorrow for $2.95—remembering that everywhere in town you are asked $5 for the same razor.

In Addition to New York's Biggest Values We Give S&H Green Trading Stamps.
TWO GREEN STAMPS with Every 10c Purchase in the Forenoon, and ONE Green Stamp with EVERY 10c Purchase in the Afternoon.

MAIN BUILDING

All Silver Plated Toilet Sets

Many new flat patterns. The sets consist of MIRROR, HAIR BRUSH AND COMB. Former prices ranged from $5 to $7.50. Sale, tomorrow, at........ $2.50 to $3.75
You will find in this department also many BARGAINS IN PIECES OF SILVERWARE for use on the table or in the boudoir.

Great Sales Tomorrow

Specials advertised here and countless other equally attractive values will be arranged for Saturday's shoppers in the two mammoth buildings of "The Popular Big Store."

Post-holiday clearances of Jewelry, Silverware, Umbrellas, Canes, Sporting Goods, Fancy Goods, Handkerchiefs, Men's Furnishings, Smokers' Articles, Footwear and useful things for the home.

All Charge Purchases made during the remainder of this month will be entered on bills dated February 1st.

MAIN BUILDING

Juniors' and Girls' Apparel
Wonderful Collection of the Smartest Styles
At Greatly Reduced Prices for Tomorrow's Selling
Girls' Sizes 6 to 14 Years. Juniors' Sizes 13, 15 and 17 Years

Juniors' and Girls' $5 and $6.75 Coats Reduced to..... $2.50 and $3.50
Good-looking, warm coats—but we are unable to duplicate them, because the makers have no more of these materials, so we've reduced all these for quick clearance. All sizes, but not in every style. Each coat a fine bargain.

Girls' $7.95 Coats Reduced to...... $5.95
We illustrate a zibeline cape coat with plush collar, cuffs and buttons, but military styles are also included at this price, and coats of cheviot or plush.
Other girls' coats that were $10.75 now $7.95.

Juniors' $10.75 Coats Reduced to........ $7.95
One of the splendid styles has a deep collar and a belted back and comes in novelty striped zibeline.
Other juniors' coats that were $7.95 to $24.50 now $5.95 to $16.50.

Juniors' $12.75 Coats Reduced to....... $9.75
We've pictured one of the clever styles, a zibeline coat with a wide girdle and a pleated back that give it that desired swagger appearance. It comes in navy, cadet, green or brown.

Girls' Dresses or Middy Blouses, at $1.00
The middy blouses in many styles, trimmed with red, blue or all white. The dresses in pink, blue or white repp, prettily trimmed with scalloped embroidery, with low belts and laced collars. Middy blouses, 6 to 20 years; dresses, 6 to 10 only.

Girls' Middy Dresses or Blouses......... $1.25
The middy dresses can be had in all white or with collar and skirt in either navy or Copenhagen blue. The blouses include about every middy style known—both military or regulation sailor styles, in all white or trimmed with red or blue; 8 to 18 years.

Girls' Handsome Repp Dresses, $1.95, $2.95 and $3.50
Many new styles to choose from, with low waists and loose belts, daintily trimmed and embroidered. Pink, blue or white.

MAIN BUILDING

$16 Solid Gold Watch Bracelets
(AS ILLUSTRATED)
A Limited Number, Tomorrow Only $10
Very dainty little watches with gold dials; narrow extension bracelets; excellent time-pieces.

$25 Diamond Cluster Rings—our special ring, that many stores ask $40 for; 9 cut diamonds in a round cluster platinum setting. The ring is of 14-k gold. Choose from those that remain after our big Christmas selling; at.................... $16

$5.95 German Silver Party Bags—the very newest, with a number of useful fittings; at.................. $3.95

Holiday Jewelry—in fancy cases, gold-filled and jewel set; formerly 50c to $1; tomorrow, at... 25c to 50c
The collection includes: BROOCHES, BAR PINS, CUFF LINKS, SCARF PINS, MEN'S COMBINATION SETS; BEADS and many other similar articles. All at HALF PRICE.

MAIN BUILDING

"Bigstoroll" 88-Note Music Rolls,
Every Roll Accurately Cut—Fine Orchestral Effect Guaranteed—Tomorrow, at . . . 38c

- Fatherland, Motherland.
- Fascinating Night (Suzi).
- Cavalleria Rusticana.
- Do the Funny Fox Trot.
- He's a Rag Picker.
- Humoreske.
- I'm Glad My Wife's in Europe.
- If That's Your Idea of a Wonderful Time.
- In the Town Where I Was Born.
- In the Land of Let's Pretend.
- In Siam.
- It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary.
- I Want to Go Back to Michigan.
- Love Moon (Chin Chin).
- Lu Lu Fado.
- Lucia Sextette.
- Mother Machree.
- 'Neath the Shadow of the Pyramids.
- Oh, My Love.
- Rosary.
- Silver Threads Among the Gold.
- Same Sort of Girl.
- Star Spangled Banner.
- Ta Tao.
- Tip-Top Tipperary Mary.
- We Take Our Hats Off to You, Mr. Wilson.
- When the Angelus Is Ringing.
- When You Wore a Tulip.
- When It's Night Time Down in Burgundy.
- When You Play in the Game of Love.
- When You're a Long, Long Way from Home.
- When You're Away (The Only Girl).
- When the Grown Up Ladies Act Like Babies.
- You Great Big Dancing Doll.
- You Great Big Bashfu Doll.

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Men's $2.50 and $3 Shoes
Tomorrow, At $1.98

25,000 pairs of men's excellent Gun Metal Calf Bluchers; lace style; medium round last; Goodyear welted soles; all sizes, 6 to 11; D and E widths.
EVERY PAIR PERFECT.
These shoes represent the overproduction of a prominent shoemaker.

ANNEX BUILDING—
HOME FURNISHINGS
Mill Sample Rugs
At Very Big Reductions Tomorrow
Just 200 9x12 rugs, comprising Wiltons, Velvets and Axminsters in popular room sizes.

	Former Price.	Sale Price.
Wilton Rugs	$60.00	$43.50
Wilton Rugs	45.00	34.50
Wilton Rugs	36.50	27.50
Axminster Rugs	24.50	15.75
Velvet Rugs	17.50	12.75
Smyrna Rugs	29.50	17.50

Inlaid Linoleum—choice tile effects in handsome colorings; formerly $1.35 per square yard 85c

Curtains: Portieres and Bed Sets
Specials for Saturday
Irish Point Lace Curtains—mounted on good quality net; neat scroll effects; former prices to $7.50....... $4.95
Mercerized Armure Portieres—gimp edges; former prices to $6.50....... $4.75
$6.50 Lace Bed Sets—with large Renaissance motifs......... $3.95

MAIN BUILDING

More Than 2,000 High-Class
Suits and Overcoats
For Men and Youths
Usual Selling Prices, $12 to $25. Sale Tomorrow at
$10 and $15

Here's an opportunity for you to give yourself a fine present and save from $2 to $10 on your purchase, according to your selection.

Overcoats and Balmacaans
That ordinarily would be priced $12 to $20. In this sale at......... $10
Wonderful range of popular styles and materials. All sizes for men and youths.

$12 to $18 Suits For Men & Youths at $10
Season's entire range of popular fabrics embraced.

The Overcoats
Regular Prices to $25, at..... $15
Here your choice includes hundreds of "Kirschbaum" and "Snellenburg" Balmacaans, Chinchilla Overcoats, black and Oxford satin and serge lined overcoats. Best styles; all sizes.
Sale Tomorrow, Saturday

The Suits
Usual Prices to $25, at............... $15
Highest class Worsteds, Cassimeres and Cheviots, in a complete range of new styles for men and youths. Smart conservative styles for business men and snappy styles for young men and youths. Every size including up to 54 chest measure.

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LOUIS WINDMULLER ESTATE $527,094 NET

Immigrant Who Began as a Grocer's Boy Left High-Class Stocks and Bonds.

HAD ONLY $27,500 REALTY

Property Is Divided Among Family—Valuable Painting Willed to Museum.

Louis Windmuller, banker, author, and philanthropist, who landed in this country when 18 years old with less than $15, and went to work as an errand boy in a grocery for $4 a week, and who died at his residence at Woodside, L. I., on Oct. 1, 1913, left an estate valued at $527,094.03, according to affidavits filed with Philip Frank, Transfer Tax Appraiser of Queens, at his office in Long Island City yesterday.

Of this property his personal estate, consisting of stocks and bonds, his paintings and library, was valued at $499,594.03, and his realty at $27,500. The value of his paintings was placed at $10,240 and his library at $593.21.

The indebtedness against the estate amounts to $120,385.05. Among the debts is a note of $42,000, made to the New York Trust Company, and another to the Title Guarantee and Trust Company for $50,000. The executor's commissions are $5,455; legal expenses, $7,500, and Trustees' commissions, $9,126.

Among the more valuable holdings of the estate are 161 shares in the German-American Insurance Company, valued at $82,915; a $16,000 bond of the Crematort Company; 300 shares of the Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company at a market value of $86,400; 315 shares of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, worth $129,780, and 100 shares in the National Park Bank, worth $35,500.

Among his paintings the "Fistic Duel" under Ivan, the Terrible, and said to be by Michael Ivanowitch Peskoff, which he bequeathes in his will to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, is valued by the Appraiser at $500. Another painting, "Horse," by Rosa Bonheur, is valued at $350, and a landscape by Oswald Achenbach at $300, while "Falstaff," by E. Stammel, is placed at $400.

In his will he gives his Woodside estate to his wife and provides also that she shall receive all the household furnishings and the income from one-third of his estate. He makes a number of small bequests to friends and distant relatives and provides that his paintings shall be sold at public auction and gives his heirs the privilege of buying $5,000 worth of the paintings from their shares of the estate. The residue is to be divided between his surviving son, Adolph C. E. Windmuller and his daughter, Mrs. Clara Louise Heynen, the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, executor.

For many years Mr. Windmuller was a picturesque figure in New York. He seldom rode on a trolley car, but morning and night walked between his home in Woodside, to his office downtown, where he served as Treasurer of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of which he was one of the organizers. With the late Mayor Gaynor he belonged to the "Walking Club."

He was a Director and manager in many big financial concerns and wrote on a number of subjects. When the question of changing the immigration laws was being discussed a number of years ago he strongly opposed setting up a financial qualification for immigrants, and told of his own limited capital when he landed in New York. In May, 1912, his favorite daughter Anna was accidentally burned to death at home and he never recovered from the shock. A month before his death he became incompetent to manage his affairs.

M. C. D. BORDEN ESTATE GROWS

Supplemental Appraisal Puts Final Figures at $6,624,248.

The net estate of Matthew C. D. Borden, who died May 27, 1912, is increased in value $161,734, making the final figure $6,624,248, according to a supplemental appraisal filed in the office of the State Controller yesterday.

The additional assets consist of $151,734 due under contracts with M. C. D. Borden & Sons, salary due as President of the American Printing Company, and $5,000 salary due as President of the Fall River Iron Works. The original figure was $6,462,514.

J. B. HARRIMAN'S WILL FILED.

He Transferred Most of His Property Before Death to His Wife.

Special to The New York Times.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—J. Borden Harriman, who died in Washington on Dec. 1, left a small estate, according to the transfer tax affidavit filed here today with his will. The affidavit states that the value of his real property is not more than $1,000 and that the personal property is not more than $5,000. The will, which is dated Feb. 14, 1914, leaves all the property to the widow, Mrs Florence Jay Harriman.

Mr. Harriman had been in failing health for a number of years. It is understood that he transferred most of his property to his wife some time before his death. Mr. Harriman's connection with the New York Stock Exchange, as a member of the brokerage house of Harriman & Co., was severed in 1913. A little later his country estate, Uplands, at Mount Kisco, was converted into a rest sanitarium. He owned a town house at 35 East Forty-ninth Street, which is not mentioned in the will.

Frank L. Polk, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, and Mrs. Harriman are the executors under the will which was executed Feb. 28, 1914.

Lorillard Remainder $177,759.

The remainder value of the assets in New York of the estate of Louis L. Lorillard of Newport, son of Peter Lorillard, deceased, is put at $177,759 in a supplemental appraisal filed in the office of the State Controller yesterday. The assets here were appraised at $398,832. Three sons, Louis L., Beekman, and George L. Lorillard, are the beneficiaries. Mr. Lorillard died Oct. 20, 1910.

BROKE OPEN 200 TRUNKS.

Negro Elevator Runner at the Appraisers' Stores Arrested.

George Peterson, a negro, of Long Island City, confessed to the police at Headquarters yesterday that in the past six months he had broken open 200 trunks in the Appraisers' Stores, at Christopher and Greenwich Streets, where he is employed as elevator runner, and stolen various articles.

Peterson was arrested Wednesday night in a pawn shop on Third Avenue, near Fifty-ninth Street, after he had asked a ridiculously low price on a set of valuable ivory toilet articles. Questioned by Detectives Dietsch and Frazer, the negro said it was none of their business where he got the articles. He tried to tear up twenty-two pawn tickets when he was seized. He put up a fight, but was subdued and locked up charged with having stolen goods in his possession.

ORDER 65 NEW LOCOMOTIVES

Two Railroad Companies Will Add to Their Equipment.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—It was announced today that the Illinois Central Railroad Company had placed an order with the American Locomotive Company for fifty locomotives and the Nickel Plate Railroad for fifteen. The company also has an order for twenty locomotives for delivery in Greece.

Clearance Sale of
400 Tailored Hats
$1.50, $5 00 & $10.00
Usually $4.00 to $20.00
Fourth Floor

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Annual Clearance Sales---Tremendous Reductions

Tomorrow, Saturday—"The Day After Christmas"

The great sales held a year ago in order to close out all merchandise before moving to the New Store produced an unprecedented business. To surpass the splendid results obtained upon that occasion and to keep the various stocks clean, up-to-date, ready for New Spring Goods, we have this year made enormous price reductions.

With much Winter weather yet to come, this is a wonderful opportunity to secure warm, comfortable Suits and Coats, Shoes for all occasions, "Selected Furs," Motor Apparel, Waists, Gloves, etc., as well as Rugs, Curtains and Furniture for the Home—all splendid merchandise from our regular stocks—at prices far below their value.

Important Sale
December 26th to 31st Inclusive

Women's New Smart Colored Top Boots

Fawn or Grey Topping with Patent Leather or Black Russia Calf Foxing

$3.35

Usually $5.00 and $6.00

—also—

Special Values in Children's & Growing Girls' Winter Boots

6 to 11	11½ to 2	2½ to 5½
$2.00	*$2.50*	*$3.00*

Usual prices $3.00 to $4.50
Second Floor

Clearance Sales of

Motor Apparel & Supplies

All Wool Shaker Sweaters In white, grey and blue. Usually $6.00 — *$3.25*

Men's Scotch Vests Fancy designs. Usually $7.50 — *$4.00*

Women's Motor Veils Washable and dust proof. Usually $5.00 — *$2.95*

Fitted Motor Luncheon Sets With vacuum bottles and jars. Usually $75.00 — *$47.50*

Plush Robes Imported, in two tone effects. Usually $45.00 — *$32.50*

Men's Motor Coats Natural dark Russian calf, muskrat collar; satin yoke and sleeve lining, all wool body lining. Usually $60.00 — *$48.50*

Men's Black Dog Coats Usually $45.00 — *$30.00*

Men's Broadcloth Coats Persian lamb collar, full skirt, muskrat lined (broken sizes). Usually $50.00 — *$39.50*

Men's Broadcloth Coats With Persian seal, rat and otter collars, full ratskin lined (broken sizes). Usually $75.00 — *$55.00*

Fourth Floor

Lace Curtains

Extraordinary Reductions

50 pairs—Formerly $6.00 to $9.00 per pair
$2.50
300 pairs (1 pair of a pattern)
Formerly $1.25 to $24.00 per pair
50c to $10.00
60 pairs—Formerly $5.50 per pair
$3.85
375 pairs—Formerly $2.75 to $5.00 per pair
$1.70, $1.95, $2.25
225 pairs—Formerly $11.00 to $16.00 per pair
$6.80 & $8.50
160 pairs—Formerly $16.50 to $24.00 per pair
$10.00 & $12.75
290 pairs—Formerly $1.35 to $8.50 per pair
85c, $1.00, $1.25 to $4.00
Also 28 Bed Sets
formerly $4.00, $6.00 and $9.75
$2.00, $3.00, $4.75
Fifth Floor

Great Clearance Sale of Women's Suits

Impressive Reductions Throughout the Entire Stock

The assortment is comprehensive and presents the very best of the season's models and materials in a splendid selection of colorings. Every Suit is handsomely lined and warmly interlined and many are richly trimmed with fashionable fur.

$15.00, $21.50, $29.50, $39.50

Former Prices $30.00 to $85.00.

The Entire Balance of Women's Separate Skirts

Usual prices $8.50 to $15.00
Will be on Sale Tomorrow at — *$5.00 & $7.50*

Magnificent Values in Women's Coats

Practical Coats For Street Wear
Fancy boucle and chinchilla in smart models and colorings,
$10.00
Usually $20.00

100 Spun Silk Rubberized Raincoats
Newest models and colorings in sizes 34 to 44,
$5.00 & $6.75
Usually $8.50 and $10.50

100 Street or Touring Coats
Wool plush, zibeline, fancy boucle and mixtures, lined and interlined,
$15.00 & $19.50
Usually $25.00 to $35.00

25 Fancy Velour Coats In the smartest colorings for street, afternoon or dressy wear, handsomely lined with white brocade, and interlined. Usually $35.00 — *$15.00*

Fur Collared Broadcloth Coats For street, afternoon or dressy occasions, beautifully lined and interlined. Usually $35.00 — *$17.50*

Fur Collared Corduroy and Wool Velour Coats Newest models and colorings, attractively lined and interlined. Usually $39.50 — *$22.50*

Fur Collared Broadtail Cloth Coats Of the finest quality. Two distinctive models, lined and interlined. Usually $65.00 — *$34.50*

100 Fur Trimmed & Fur Collared Coats

Elegant garments, suitable either for street, afternoon or evening wear, of imported silk plush, velour and cylinder cloth, richly lined and warmly interlined. Usually priced up to $60.00 — *$29.50*

The Balance of This Season's Evening Wraps
Will Be on Sale at Exactly Half Price.
Third Floor

For Men

Remarkable Offering of

Men's Highest Grade Shoes

Usually $6.00 to $8.00
$3.95 & $4.85
The entire Regular Stock is included
Except "Cordwainer," Bench-made & Myrod
Street Floor

Clearance Sale of

Men's Shirts & Pajamas

Negligee Shirts

Plain and pleated bosoms, French or starched cuffs............Usually $1.50 — *95c*

Mercerized cloth, woven and printed madras, plain and pleated bosoms, French or starched cuffs.............. Usually $2.00 — *$1.35*

All silk negligee shirts, French cuffs. Usually $3.50 — *$2.45*

Heavy weight all silk shirts with satin stripes, French cuffs................ Usually $4.00 & $4.50 — *$2.95*

Pajamas

Plain colors, V neck, silk loops........ Special Value — *95c*

Mercerized cloth pajamas, silk loops and pearl buttons............Usually $1.50 — *$1.10*

Madras and fine mercerized cloth pajamas, plain colors and stripes........ Usually $2.00 — *$1.35*

Street Floor

Men's High Grade

Suits & Overcoats

Greatly Below Customary Prices

Hand-Tailored Suits The smartest models in a fine selection of the season's newest patterns of English and Scotch Tweeds, Cheviots and Worsteds lined with silk or a fine quality of serge. Usually $32.50 to $40.00 — *$25.00*

Men's Overcoats Single and double breasted in form fitting and loose Chesterfield models, of black, Oxford, dark blue Cheviots, Chinchilla and heavy weight all wool Knit materials. Sizes 33 to 44. Usually $25.00 to $30.00 — *$18.50*

Fourth Floor

Extraordinary Sale of

Men's Gloves

Mocha, Castor, Capeskin & Buckskin
The Entire Stock
Formerly $2.00, $2.25 and $2.50 per pair
$1.85 Per Pair
Street Floor

Special Offering at Greatly Reduced Prices

Women's Fur Coats, Neckwear & Muffs

Models of Seal Dyed Muskrat, Mole, Broadtail and Caracul, trimmed with contrasting fur, also Novelty Fur Sets of all the fashionable furs.

Matched Fur Sets

	Muffs	*Scarfs*
Black Lynx	*$29.50*	*$16.50*
Silvered Kitt Fox	*$32.50*	*$17.50*
Persian Lamb	*$27.50*	*$17.50*
Skunk	*$26.50*	*$17.50*
Beaver	*$22.50*	*$19.50*
Black Raccoon	*$14.50*	*$12.50*
Natural Raccoon	*$10.50*	*$6.50*
Persian Paw	*$8.50*	*$3.50*
Black Fox	*$18.50*	*$16.50*

Fur Coats

Black Caracul Coats Usually $110.00 — *$75.00*

Seal-Dyed Muskrat Coats Usually $135.00 — *$110.00*

Seal-Dyed Coney Coats Usually $82.50 — *$65.00*

Black Pony Coats Usually $32.50 — *$26.50*

Third Floor

Clearance Sale of

Women's Dresses

For Afternoon and Evening Wear

Dresses of Velveteen, Taffeta, Chiffon and combination effects (in some of the styles only one or two of a kind).

$15.00 & $19.50

Usually $30.00 to $45.00

Afternoon Dresses of Velveteen, Taffeta, Charmeuse and combination effects in contrasting materials...... Usually $55.00 to $65.00 — *$39.50*

Third Floor

Clearance Sale of

Women's Gloves

800 Pairs *1 Clasp Pique & Prix Seam Street Gloves* Black, white and tans (broken sizes). Usually $1.25 & $1.50 per pair — *75c*

600 Pairs *16-Button Length Kid Gloves* White only, 3 pearl buttons at wrist. Usually $3.00 per pair — *$2.25*

Street Floor

Important Reductions in the

Dress Goods Section

A Large and Varied Assortment of
Dress Goods Lengths Reduced
Skirt Lengths—$1.85 and up
Dress Lengths—$3.35 and up

Imported Black Broadcloths 55 inches wide, satin finish and spot-proof........, Usually $3.45 per yard — *$2.10*

Second Floor

Over Two Million a Week The circulation of The New York Times exceeds 300,000 copies every day and every Sunday, making a total of more than 2,000,000 copies per week

CHRISTMAS CHARITY GREATER THAN EVER

Record Number of Dinners and Gifts for Poor Provided by Organizations.

GIVE THOUSANDS OF TREES

Many Free Entertainments Throughout the City—10,000 Baskets from Volunteers of America.

When various charitable organizations checked up last night their lists of Christmas gifts and Christmas dinners each organization found that it was helping to bring Christmas to the poor in New York in greater abundance than ever before. The situation rather surprised some of the workers, as all had counted on a hard-times Christmas, with the war relief work abroad largely depleting the sums available for gifts.

Christmas trees were provided for thousands of homes, with toys to decorate them, and hardly a man will be abroad today but will find some place where he may meet his fellows and receive a welcome.

For sailor folk ashore the Sailors' Home is keeping open house at 507 West Street, with special invitations to all men who follow the sea to come in. In the evening a special entertainment, under the auspices of the Bible School of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, will demonstrate to the sailors that Santa Claus cares as much for seafaring folk as for landlubbers.

A turkey dinner will be spread for newsboys at the Newsboys' Lodging House, at 14 Chambers Street, with William M. Eliess, Jr., acting as host. It will be served at 5:30 o'clock, and nearly every newsboy in the city is expected to respond to the call. At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a vaudeville show, under the auspices of the Brace Memorial Newsboys' Home.

Concert at Cooper Union.

The homeless man who has made the Bowery his stamping ground is to be taken care of at the Bowery Mission. A special bread-line breakfast for 1,000 men will begin an hour after midnight. At 9 A. M. dinner baskets will be distributed to 200 ticket holders, each basket containing enough for ten people. At 6:30 P. M. the doors of the mission will be thrown open for the Christmas service and dinner and 1,200 guests are expected.

Cooper Union hecklers will rest from their heckling and listen to concert music, as a change from debates on how the world should be run. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock tonight.

In the Children's Ward of the New York Hospital a tree will be lighted, on which will hang little presents for each child.

The Children's Aid Society, which has given away clothing to thousands of poor school children, has arranged this schedule for Christmas Day entertainment:

Newsboys' Lodging House, 14 New Chambers Street, 4 P. M.
Elizabeth Home for Girls, 307 East Twelfth Street, 12:30 P. M.
West Side Lodging House, 225 West Thirty-fifth Street, 6 P. M.
Forty-fourth Street Lodging House, 247 East Forty-seventh Street, 6:30 P. M.
Harlem Boys' Home, 136 East 127th Street, 4:30 P. M.
Emergency Shelter, 311 East Twelfth Street, 12:30 P. M.
A. Louise Erlanger Home, 141 West Sixty-first Street, 2 P. M.
Brace Farm School, Valhalla, N. Y., 1 P. M.
Convalescent Children's Home, Chappaqua, N. Y., 1 P. M.

Other organizations which are serving large dinners are the Volunteers of America, who will give out 10,000 baskets, each containing food for five persons; the Bowery Y. M. C. A., which will feed 1,000 men at 153 Bowery, and St. Vincent's Hospital, which will entertain 100 men at dinner. The Salvation Army will distribute its usual basket dinners to poor families, who received tickets for them last month.

Clothes for Convicts' Families.

Eight hundred boxes of clothing will be distributed by Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers to the wives and children of prisoners in Sing Sing. Wagons containing the boxes will leave the Volunteer headquarters, 34 West Twenty-eighth Street, this morning and the ground covered will embrace the five boroughs.

Fifty-four prisoners' families, whose bread-winners are in prison, received yesterday a bountiful Christmas basket from the Prison Association of New York. One hundred and forty-eight children in these families received Christmas stockings. The stockings of the boys and girls contained articles appropriate to their needs, and the babies were not forgotten.

Among those who contributed other than money to the Christmas baskets and stockings were B. Ogden Chisolm, Mrs. R. N. Lindheim, Mrs. Sidney New, Mrs. Frank Presbrey, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Mrs. Paul Sachs, Mrs. William R. Sidenberg, Mrs. Frederick Steinway, Miss Dorothy Strauss, and Mrs. S. K. Walker.

Forty-three poor families were made happy last night in the Bronx Domestic Relations Court, 181st Street and Boston Road, when baskets of food, bundles of clothing, and fruit and candy were distributed by a volunteer committee of Bronx women. Each basket contained a five-pound chicken, potatoes, celery, cranberries, milk, and sugar, while a liberal supply of women's and children's clothing was doled out. Each child received candy and fruit.

About two months ago a committee consisting of Mrs. Susanne McCusker, Probation Agent of the court; Mrs. Cecelia Mackey of the Department of Charities, Mrs. Elizabeth Greenthal, Miss Julia de Martini, and Miss Marie Gaffney banded together for the purpose of providing clothing and food for the needy women and children of the Bronx.

An elaborate Christmas programme has been arranged for Sea View Hospital on Staten Island. Yesterday the 120 children at the institution enjoyed a party given by Dr. Edward S. McSweeney, the Superintendent, and the little ones had the time of their lives. Each child received three presents from a big Christmas tree. Every girl found among her presents a doll. Mrs. Stephen D. Stephens of St. George, through her personal efforts, obtained candy, toys, and games. Today a special Christmas feast has been arranged for all the patients at the institution.

At the City Farm Colony.

At the City Farm Colony at New Dorp a special dinner, every part of which, with the exception of the turkey, will come from the farm's own products, will be served today. James D. Frick, the Superintendent, will have three trees erected and 300 overcoats, donated by the city, will be distributed among the men who need them most. Mrs. Arthur Cavanagh of St. George has provided a vaudeville entertainment for tonight.

The nurses of the S. R. Smith Infirmary last night held a reception and dance, while Santa Claus was present for the thirty-one children patients. Superintendent Walter Wright of the institution has provided a Christmas dinner for today.

The old salts at Sailor's Snug Harbor were entertained last night by the New York University Glee Club, and today they will have a special Christmas dinner. At the Actors' Fund Home a special programme will be carried out, including a theatrical venture by the actors themselves.

Other institutions where special arrangements have been made for Christmas are St. Vincent's Hospital, the County Jail, where Sheriff Joseph A. O'Grady will furnish his charges with Christmas cheer; the Marine Hospital, and at Mount Loretto, the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin.

Train Gives 68 Baskets.

Assistant District Attorney Arthur C. Train, accompanied by Mrs. Train and their children, yesterday took sixty-eight Christmas baskets to the Greenwich Street, Elizabeth Street, and Beach Street Stations for distribution today among the poor families living in the vicinity. Mr. Train and his wife, assisted by several police officers, will distribute the baskets personally.

The names of the needy in the precincts were gathered by the police, who had started a fund for Christmas baskets. There was a hitch in the finances and the money collected was returned. When Mr. Train heard of the incident he volunteered to supply the baskets himself. Each basket contained a chicken, coffee, tea, sugar, milk, potatoes, canned goods, nuts, and candy.

AID POOR WOMAN WHO STOLE.

Mother Who Turned Thief to Feed Children Helped by Landlord.

Mrs. Annie Lobell of 287 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, who stole a shirtwaist and a pot of jam from a Fulton Street department store, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, to supply food for her two starving children, and who was arrested charged with shoplifting, will not spend Christmas in jail. Her misfortune has brought her food and money. When her story was heard in the Adams Street Court, court attendants, affected by the woman's plight, contributed liberally to relieve her wants.

Magistrate Naumer, after the woman pleaded guilty, expressed his sympathy for her, but said he was compelled to hold her in $500 bail for Special Sessions. It looked as if she would have to go to jail in default of bail, but at the last minute, as the van was about to take her to prison, her landlord, Henry F. Schild of 125 Penn Street, furnished the security for her release.

Mrs. Lobell had in her arms her 3-months-old baby when she was arrested. She said she gave the last crust of bread in the house to her 3-year-old girl. Her husband, Clarence, is out of work, and he had left home that morning without breakfast to look for employment.

The landlord said yesterday that he knew the family were destitute and did not press them for the rent. He said they would not want for a Christmas dinner.

THOUSANDS SING IN STREET.

Throng in Broadway Joins St. Paul's Choir in Carol Service.

Ten thousand people gathered in Lower Broadway yesterday in a few minutes, when they heard the unusual sounds, for that section, of blowing bugles, followed by the voices of choir boys in a Christmas carol:

> Hark! the herald angels sing
> Glory to the new-born King;
> Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
> God and sinners reconciled!

In the crowd were street fakirs, subway workers, hundreds of clerks, who poured out of Fulton Street to see the choristers, and brokers from Wall Street. They received bundles of leaflets bearing the words of carols and in a short time Broadway rang with the voices of thousands singing in chorus. Bugles led in keeping the tune.

The choir boys were from St. Paul's Church. They formed at the west end of the chapel, near Fulton Street, and marched to Broadway, where they stopped for the carols. A boy cross-bearer stood bare-headed at the great iron gates of St. Paul's while the choir sang the invitation to the Christmas song service.

ROBERT GOELET A SANTA.

Gives $5 Gold Pieces to Traffic Policemen in Fifth Avenue.

If the youngsters of traffic policemen on duty in Fifth Avenue yesterday he knew Santa Claus was real because fathers returned home last night each bluecoat could answer with truth that he knew Santa Claus was real because he had seen him. Also each policeman could show a shiny piece of gold to prove that Santa had been around.

There wasn't enough snow for Santa to come in a sleigh, so he came in a big automobile, surrounded by heavy furs. At each corner where he found a traffic policeman he stopped and handed out a five-dollar gold piece from a bag that seemed to contain about a quart of the coins.

The policemen didn't learn Santa's other name. But they caught the number of his machine, which was 55,220, and is listed as the property of Robert Goelet.

FESTIVAL AT COLUMBIA.

Dance to Follow Yule Log Celebration in Hartley Hall.

The stay-at-homes among the Columbia students will have their Christmas celebration tonight in the annual Yule log festival in Hartley Hall. The girls in Brooks Hall and Whittier Hall, the two dormitories used by the girls, are invited to the festival, and after the "spread" will adjourn to Whittier Hall for a dance.

Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler expects to attend the festival and help cheer the students who live too far away from home to make the journey for Christmas.

MAIL CRUSH ON PENN. R. R.

9,000,000 Parcel Post Packages Handled Here and in Philadelphia.

In the week just passed the Pennsylvania Railroad handled approximately 3,500,000 parcel post packages at Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, and 5,500,000 at the Pennsylvania Station, New York. The Christmas rush of parcel post arriving and departing via the Pennsylvania Railroad at both cities was considerably more than 50 per cent. heavier than a year ago.

At New York, during the week, more than one hundred extra mail cars were attached to the regular outgoing mail trains. At Philadelphia thirty additional cars were furnished. At both cities also every available foot of space in baggage cars and in the regular mail cars was filled.

The railroad will receive no additional payment from the Government for the extra facilities furnished in connection with the Christmas mail.

BLUECOAT AIDS POOR WOMAN.

And Wins Praise from Woods, Who Hears of Kindly Act.

A poor, ragged Italian woman appeared at Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon. Under her coarse shawl she carried a 6-months-old baby. A 2-year-old child, and another, about 3 years old, hung to her skirts and shivered with cold.

"No, this is not the place," said Patrolman John Lyons, who was at the door, to the woman. "You want the Associated Charities. See, I'll write it on a piece of paper. You go there."

The woman hugged her baby tighter and turned to go, the youngsters trailing after her.

"Wait a minute," said Patrolman Lyons. "Take this for carfare and be sure and get off at Twenty-third Street." The woman took the dime appreciatively and descended the stairs to the door in Center Street.

A moment later Patrolman Lyons was at her side again. This time he dug into his pocket and drew out a dollar bill.

"Take this, too," he said. "A merry Christmas to you."

Just at that moment John Hammond, a friend of the Commissioner, came into Police Headquarters. He saw the patrolman's kind act but said nothing. He, too, gave the woman a bill and then went in to pay his respects to Mr. Woods. He told the Commissioner what he had seen in the corridor.

"Bring in Patrolman John Lyons," said the Commissioner to an attendant. "You stay here, Mr. Hammond, I may want you as a witness."

Lyons, not expecting to face the Commissioner, looked abashed. He saluted and said:

"You sent for me, sir?"

"I did, Lyons," replied Commissioner Woods. "There is a charge against you. What have you to say about passing money in Police Headquarters contrary to all rules and regulations? This man saw you do it."

"I did," said Lyons humbly.

"Well, don't be alarmed," said the Commissioner. "I have heard the circumstances and I am proud of you. I want to shake hands with you. The good that policemen do does not always come to light. I wish to commend you, Lyons. A merry Christmas to you."

Lyons felt fine.

TURKEYS FROM ROCKEFELLER.

Tarrytown Poor Remembered—Distributions in White Plains.

Special to The New York Times.

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 24.—Wealthy residents of Westchester County, instead of sending relief funds abroad, during the past week have been contributing to a fund to aid the poor in the county. In White Plains a Community Club was formed, and to-night toys, baskets of good things to eat, and money were distributed. There was also a big Christmas tree lighted with hundreds of electric lights on the lawn of the Young Men's Christian Association, and presents were given to poor children.

Through the efforts of Mayor John J. Brown and bankers of the town a permanent fund is being established to take care of the poor during the Winter.

In Mount Vernon Mayor Edwin W. Fiske and a committee of prominent residents are aiding hundreds of people who are in distress.

Over at Tarrytown John D. Rockefeller had several of his employes distribute turkeys among poor families, and he also gave out gold pieces to his help.

MORE PAY ON ELLIS ISLAND.

Increase Comes as a Christmas Gift to Immigration Employes.

Immigration Commissioner Frederic C. Howe returned from Washington yesterday with a Christmas greeting from Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson in the form of a substantial increase of salary for one hundred employes at Ellis Island, including laborers, watchmen, firemen, and women attendants.

By this order Secretary Wilson has abolished the $600 grade and raised the pay of the employes from $60 to $240 a year.

XMAS FORGER TURNS UP.

This Year the Swindler Selects Chicago for His Operations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A swindler known to the police as the "Christmas forger," who during the shopping season last Christmas obtained $21,000 in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, has cheated Chicago merchants out of thousands of dollars within the last week.

"A. Travers," contractor and builder of Montreal, Canada, as the forger introduced himself, carried letters of credit for sums varying from $1,000 to $10,000. He sought the leading jewelry establishments in the city for his operations, and is known to have obtained about $5,000 on worthless drafts and checks.

"Travers" carries on his swindling operations only during the Christmas shopping season, and selects a new field every year.

Surety Co. Remembers Employes.

Following its usual custom, the American Surety Company distributed gold coins to each of its 500 employes yesterday. The denominations ranged from $2.50 to $20, according to the length of service of the recipient.

CITY YULETIDE TREES GLEAM FAR AND NEAR

Municipal Celebrations Widely Extended, with a Great Impetus to Charity.

EVEN HORSES REMEMBERED

Christmas Oats for Them in Kansas City—Carols at Windows Candle-Lighted by Givers.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Snow, after falling steadily since early morning, ceased just at 5 o'clock this evening, the hour set for the beginning of the Christmas community celebration in front of the Capitol on the East Plaza, where Presidents take the oath of office. The community Christmas tree, with its 1,200 electric lamps, looked all the more attractive because of its covering of snow crystals. Tableaux of scenes in the life of Christ were presented on the steps of the big, white building and a large choir sang appropriate hymns, accompanied by the United States Marine Band.

In spite of the snow, President Wilson went golfing today at the Washington Country Club on the Virginia side of the Potomac, and following his example of last year, distributed Christmas presents to children, white and black, along the road leading from the Virginia end of the Aqueduct Bridge to the clubhouse.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Five thousand persons, two thousand of them Boy Scouts, played Santa Claus in Kansas City's Christmas celebration tonight. Many persons joined a plan to give no Christmas gifts to friends, devoting the money instead to Belgian relief. The Boy Scouts reported after a tour of the city that not a poor family had been neglected. The horses of the city had a free Christmas dinner at Convention Hall, every animal getting half a bushel of oats.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Dec. 24.—Scores of whistles and bells throughout the city this evening announced the opening of the municipal Christmas Eve ceremonies. During a prearranged lull in the fanfare, Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong pressed a button and the giant Christmas tree erected in the heart of the city became a mass of varicolored lights, with a "Star of Bethlehem" over all.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24.—While hundreds of children sang carols and a band played, a large crowd thronged the Public Square tonight to see Cleveland's second Christmas tree decorated. The tree is to be illuminated and a musical programme given by a band each evening until New Year's Day. School children marched through residence districts tonight singing Christmas carols.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—More than 4,000 boys and girls today gathered around a huge community Christmas tree and received gifts from the hands of Mayor Frederick Spiegel. The department stores reported only a slight decrease in sales this Christmas from those of a year ago. The banks reported that the demand for the smaller denomination of gold coins this year broke all records.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Christmas festivities opened tonight with a municipal celebration around a great cedar tree set up on Twelfth Street Plaza. Seventy-five smaller trees lined the plaza. As the chimes of Christ Cathedral pealed out a chorus of 250 assembled in front of the large tree and sang carols. Then the carolers went to all parts of the city and sang in front of every window in which a lighted candle had been placed. The candle was a sign that the householder had a contribution for charity.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—Trumpeters in the City Hall tower tonight announced the beginning of the municipal Christmas Eve ceremonies. Mayor Oscar F. Marx pressed a button and a huge snow-laden Christmas tree on the City Hall lawn became a mass of brilliant varicolored lights. The crowds were entertained with Christmas carols and band music.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Christmas music by a chorus of 600 massed about a fifty-foot Christmas tree in Lafayette Square tomorrow night will be the feature of Buffalo's observance of the Yuletide. Street car tickets were distributed among the poor today to enable them to attend the celebration.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Amidst a light snowfall, presaging a white Christmas, little groups of men and women sang carols in the streets of Beacon Hill and other districts tonight, while householders kept lighted candles at the windows. Another old custom revived today was the sounding of hymns by four trumpeters from the balcony of the old State House. It is estimated that nearly 50,000 persons will be cared for by charity on Christmas.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—With a big municipal Christmas tree in the State House yard, this city tonight began celebrating a snowy holiday season. It is asserted that contributions for the relief of the Belgians and other sufferers from the European war have cut in heavily on the customary donations of money to local charities.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The thirty-five-foot spruce planted on the Court House grounds under the auspices of the women of the city as Toledo's municipal Christmas tree, was formally deeded to the children of the city tonight. On the snow nearly 2,000 children knelt together and prayed that the spirit of the tree might live forever. The exercises included Christmas carols in which the children's voices mingled. The celebration closed with the singing of "America."

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Dec. 24.—Industrial establishments were as generous as ever today in Christmas remembrances to their employes, one firm giving away in stock, cash, turkeys, and merchandise a quarter of a million dollars. Community Christmas trees have been erected in many sections of the city.

SURPRISE FOR 'BUS MEN.

Conductors Receive Sweaters and Drivers Gauntlets from Company.

Santa Claus had several pleasant surprises for the Fifth Avenue 'bus drivers and conductors last night after they had taken home the last Christmas shopper and pulled in their big green cars at the garage of the company.

As the men were cleaning up after the day's work on the avenue, big gray sweaters were distributed among the conductors and heavy leather gauntlets among the drivers.

This generosity was followed by an announcement from the company that windshields would be placed on all the 'buses.

MRS. SHEPARD GENEROUS.

Money Gifts for Railroad and Wire Employes Near Her Home.

Special to The New York Times.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Finley J. Shepard (Helen Gould) played the part of Santa Claus today by presenting Christmas gifts of money to the employes at the railroad station, the telegraph operator, and the telephone girls at both Irvington and Tarrytown.

Heretofore Mrs. Shepard usually gave ten-dollar gold pieces. This year she gave instead crisp new ten-dollar bills.

ST. STEPHEN'S DANCE.

Irish Societies to Hold a Gaelic Celebration Tomorrow.

The Irish societies of this city arranged yesterday as one of their Yuletide observances a St. Stephen's night celebration for tomorrow night at Donovan's Dancing Academy, Fifty-ninth Street and Columbus Circle. At this celebration, for the first time in New York an attempt will be made to reproduce the "pattern," which is held in every part of Ireland on St. Stephen's Day.

During the celebration Gaelic customs will be revived and boys and girls from the four provinces of Ireland will give the old dances. Two ballrooms will be in use in the building for the celebration, the large ballroom to be used for American dances and the other to be used by the lovers of the old Irish dances.

THEIR 50TH WAGE DIVIDEND.

Bourne Mills Employes Get 3 Per Cent. on Six Months' Pay.

Special to The New York Times.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Bourne Mills paid today their operatives the usual semi-annual wage dividend, estimated at between $3,500 and $4,000. The dividend was 3 per cent. on wages paid from June 8 to Dec. 5, inclusive, and all employes employed fairly steadily during that period shared in it. More shared in the dividend than ever before.

Today's was the fiftieth of these semi-annual dividends. There has been only one break in them since they were inaugurated, and that occurred during the long strike of 1904 and 1905, when the mills were shut down most of the six months beginning with July.

XMAS GIFTS LOST IN FIRE.

Flames Partially Destroy the Merrick (L. I.) Post Office.

MERRICK, L. I., Dec. 24.—A large quantity of packages containing Christmas gifts, hundreds of Christmas postal cards, and other mail burned this morning in a fire which partly destroyed the Post Office here. The grocery stock of Postmaster Harry R. Zeiner was water-soaked by the firemen in their efforts to extinguish the blaze.

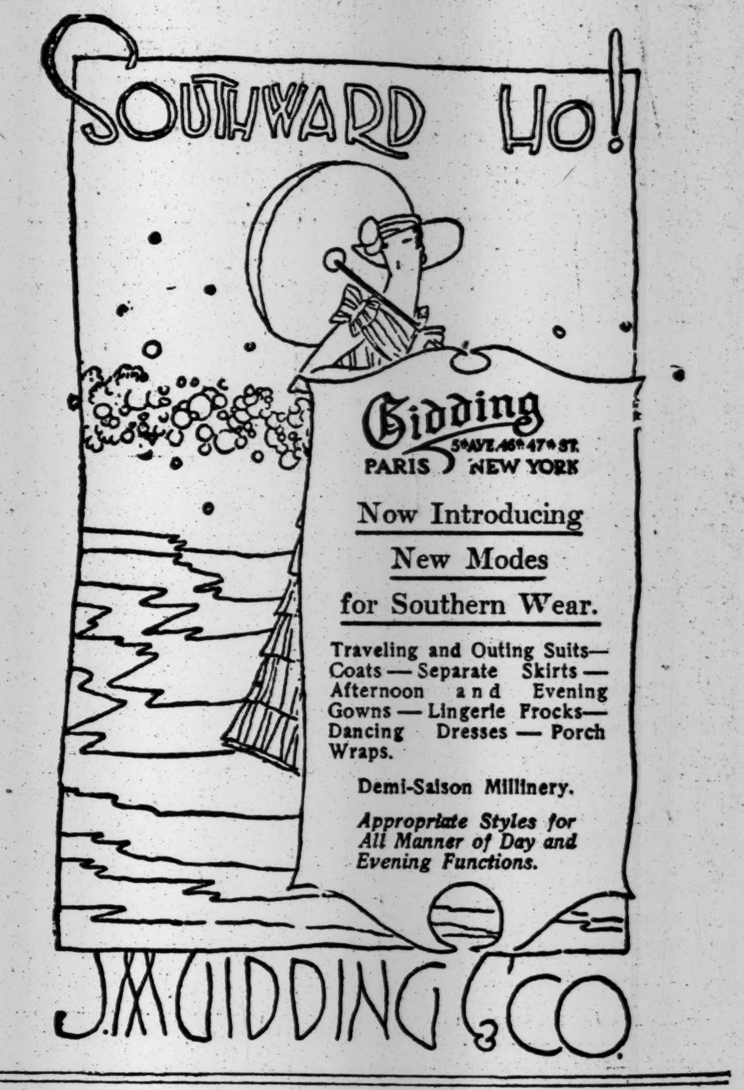
The Post Office has been visited by fire five times within the last three years. The estimated damage to the building was $1,000. The loss of mail matter cannot be estimated.

CHRISTMAS GUEST KILLED.

Miss Pollard, Caught in Fire, Falls from Third-Floor Window.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Carrie Pollard, 24 years old, of Waterbury, who came here on a Christmas visit, lost her life in a fire that destroyed a tenement house in Orange Street tonight. She stood in a third-story window screaming for help, when she was overcome by smoke and fell to the ground.

Her falling body struck Lieut. Kelly of Engine Company 14, who was on a ladder trying to reach her. Kelly managed to hang onto the ladder, although partly stunned.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145 Superior Broadcloth Suits, exclusive models, with individual style features, including some fur trimmed. 40.00 Values	20.00	205 Fur Trimmed Coats, of Broadcloth, Zibeline, Corduroy and Mixtures, full lined and interlined. Values to 35.00	18.50
135 High Cost Suits, of Broadcloth, Covert Cloth, Velvet and other desirable materials, various trimmings, including fur. Values to 50.00	28.00	160 High Cost Coats, of Seal Plush, Mixtures, Imported Broadcloth and Corduroy; plain or fur trimmed models. Regular Values to 50.00	25.00

Afternoon Dresses and Evening Gowns—To Be Closed Out

125 Attractive Afternoon and Street Dresses, of Crepe de Chine, Crepe Meteor, Charmeuse and Silk Faille. Regular 25.00 and 29.75 Values	13.75	65 Exclusive and distinctive Evening Gowns; only one or two of a style, each an individual model. Regular Values to 50.00	28.00

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French Seal Coats—Several new straight line 40 and 45 inch length models; collars either plain or contrasting fur. Regular 90.00 Value	50.00	Hudson Seal Coats—Especially selected pelts in fashionable full sweep Cossack models, collar and bottom border of Skunk. Regular 225.00 Value	135.00
Hudson Seal Coats—Trimmed or plain; 40-inch length, full flare model; collars either plain or of skunk. Regular 110.00 Value	65.00	Hudson Seal Coats—Superior quality pelts, in a new belted and flare back model, collar of Skunk, Ermine or Kolinsky. Reg. 275.00 to 395.00 Value	195.00

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105 Misses' New Model Suits, of Imported Broadcloth, featuring Norfolk, Ripple and Empire Coats, including some fur trimmed. Reg. Values to 40.00	20.00	105 Misses' Smart Afternoon and Street Dresses, of Velvet, Charmeuse, Satin, Serge and various fabrics combined. Regular Values to 25.00	9.50

Entire Stock Girls' Winter Coats—To Be Closed Out

165 Girls' Coats—School and dress models, of Velvet, Broadcloth, Wool Plush, Zibeline and Mixtures; sizes 4 to 10 years. Reduced from 10.00 and 12.50	6.90	95 Girls' Coats—Full length models, of Zibeline, Wool Plush and Pebble Cheviot, superior tailored; sizes 10 to 16 years. Regular Values to 16.75	9.75

125 Girls' Winter Coats	Regular 7.50 to 8.90 values	3.95 and 5.00
165 Girls' Winter Coats	Regular 13.75 to 18.00 values	8.90 and 11.75
190 Girls' Winter Coats	Regular 19.75 to 40.00 values	12.75 and 20.00

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BIG TREES OF LIGHT BLAZE IN CITY PARKS

Thousands Join Singing at Festivals at City Hall, Madison Sq., and Columbus Circle.

WILSON PRESSES BUTTON

President, from Washington, Sends Spark to Open Greenpoint Celebration—Many Community Trees.

Big Christmas trees flashed out of the darkness and falling snow in many parks in this city and surrounding towns last evening.

Manhattan's big celebrations were in Madison Square and in City Hall Park, but patches of brilliant light marked Christmas Eve in public squares in several other neighborhoods.

Before dark in Madison Square many hundreds had taken their places between the Christmas tree and the band stand, and the advance guard cheered when at 5:30 o'clock some one pressed a button, illuminating a large white star at the top of the tree. Then, with lights still shining out of many of the windows in the stone cliffs that face the Square, the entire Christmas tree was lighted with scores of red, white, blue, and green electric lamps gleaming from every bough.

The lighted tree drew hundreds from the streets leading to the square, and a massed chorus began to sing anthems under the leadership of Os-kenon-ton, a Mohawk Indian. Next to the tree, the most brilliant sight in the square was this Indian, in all his Winter and war clothes—fur, feathers, blankets, beads, and leather fringe.

Throughout the evening Christmas songs were sung in the square in choruses, in which the throng frequently joined. The programme was varied with moving pictures, pieces played by the Boy Scout Band, and songs by the Negro Choral Society. There was a good deal of music that was not on the programme on the borders of the crowd, where a number of hand organs played for those whom the music of the programme failed to reach.

Big Tree in City Hall Park.

In City Hall Park another big crowd was gathered. The New York Police Band played and anthems were sung at the park by the United German Singing Societies. Baroness Heloise de Pasthori and a number of other singers took part in the entertainment, while sandwiches and coffee were distributed to hundreds of hungry men. Mayor Mitchel pressed the button that lighted the City Hall Park tree.

In Columbus Circle there was a third celebration, and it, too, had its tree. The Fire Department Band played there.

James A. Farley, a member of the Board of Trustees of Bellevue Hospital, lighted 350 electric lights on the big tree placed in the courtyard where many of the patients could look on it from their windows. At the top o fthe tree was a big red cross which could be seen from buildings on all sides and from boats in the East River. After the tree was lighted fifty of the nurses stood around the tree and sang carols.

More than 1,000 children gathered around a tree of light in Chelsea Park and sang Christmas glees for more than two hours. Four reels of moving pictures were shown at intervals and scores of children tried out their Christmas sleds on the light covering of snow on nearby streets.

President Lights Greenpoint.

In the White House at Washington President Wilson pressed the button which sent an electric flash to Greenpoint and lighted up thousands of tiny electric bulbs on the huge Christmas tree in the centre of McCarren Park. Several thousand children joined in a cheer for the President, and after that they sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and listened to a speech by Borough President Pounds on "Peace."

A great crowd gathered in Fulton Park, Brooklyn, at the public tree set up by the Church of the Good Shepherd. A band of trumpeters called the throng together by playing, "O, Come All Ye Faithful." Fifteen hundred voices, led by the Rev. John L. Gerstenberg, then sang, "Christmas Morn," "The First Noel," "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," "Silent Night," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

There was a Community Tree celebration at Tompkinsville, S. I., at which Boy Scouts were represented in great force. Among the guests were the officers and crew of the revenue cutter Seneca, who for the first time in several years were able to accept the invitation of the town to spend Christmas with them. In 1911 a false "S O S" call from an amateur led the cutter a wild-goose chase; in 1912 it went to Barnegat to rescue those on board the stranded Turrialba, and last Christmas it was bucking a heavy sea on patrol duty.

Shortly after dark Jersey City's Christmas tree blazed out in Van Voorst Park. There was a band concert, during which a chorus of 500 sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." After the singing there was an elaborate pyrotechnic display.

Carol Singers in Montclair.

Fifteen bands of carol singers went about Montclair last night, singing before houses where they were properly flagged. The signal was a lighted canle in the front window. Scores of these were burning throughout the town, and there was warm competition among the many bands of carollers.

Plainfield had its first Community Tree celebration, and the tree was seventy feet high. There was singing by 2,000 Sunday School children led by trumpeters.

Paterson's second annual municipal tree drew forth 3,000 persons, in spite of falling snow early last night. The tree was weighted down with electric lights and bore at its top in big flaming letters the municipal Christmas greeting. Several speakers made addresses, of which the theme was peace, and the Fifth Regiment Band gave a concert.

ALL THE NEEDIEST ARE PROVIDED FOR

Responses to The Times Appeal Have Been Unusually Generous.

NONE HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED

Donations This Year Total $13,041, Nearly Twice the Amount Received in 1913.

Workers for the three charity organizations that are caring for the 100 Neediest Cases whose appeal was published in THE TIMES on Dec. 13 were busy until long after working hours last night preparing for the final distribution of the gifts. When Santa Claus did get away it was late, and it is safe to say that his pack was a little more bulky than usual, thanks to the many who responded to the appeal for aid to the unfortunate. Nearly every child who was in any way connected with the Charity Organization Society received a huge red cotton stocking filled to the top with good things to eat, small articles of wear, and toys.

A majority of the gifts will be distributed today. The Charity Organization Society has collected enough for some cases to form a "left-over" fund that will last well into the year. Where this money is needed to keep a family until the breadwinner obtains his or her strength, or until children can be placed in good homes, it is equivalent to giving them a new start in life.

There is still, however, a chance for those who want to give, because, while all of the 100 neediest cases have been cared for in a measure, some will not receive as much as the managers would desire. Of course, in some instances, where a particular case was provided for, the surplus has been used in relieving others who are needy.

Children Are Grateful.

"Giving does bring happiness, just as the work of distributing the gifts brings happiness," said Miss Mary Clark, in charge of the distribution work of the State Charities Aid Association. "Giving to children has its special delight. There is no feeling that charity is being bestowed or that charity has any shortcomings. Children receive their gifts with genuine gratitude. Our staff will be busy nearly all day tomorrow bringing Christmas cheer, and we expect that before nightfall every one of those in our care will have received some token of the spirit of peace and good-will."

The State Charities Aid Association has received to date $2,863.42 for the neediest cases; the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor $5,878.63, and the Charity Organization Society about $4,300. Since the republication of the appeals where help was needed the society has received money for each case. This is noticeable in the case of Mr. C., who is dying of a cancer. He came home from the hospital to spend what will probably be his last Christmas on earth with his wife and five children. Seven gifts were received for this family in one day, and today the C. family is having a very merry Christmas.

The response to the appeal for the 100 neediest cases is more generous this year than in 1913. Each of the three charity organizations administering the fund received more money, as shown in this comparative statement of moneys received up to Christmas Day:

	1913.	1914.
S. C. A.	$1,771	$2,863
A. I. C. P.	3,556	5,878
C. O. S.	2,600	4,300
	$7,927	$13,041

A small box and a letter reached the rooms of the Charity Organization Society yesterday. The box contained $8.10 in pennies, nickels, and dimes. This letter accompanied the box:

> The girls in the Stenographic Department of the —— would like to have the money contained in this box applied to any needy case or cases you may select. We all hope that it will help to make some poor family a bit happier this Christmas and be the means of encouraging some one to whom circumstances appear adverse at this time.
>
> With the season's best wishes to the family that gets it, we are,
>
> Yours very truly,
>
> STENOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

Small Gifts from Workers.

To those who have read the great number of letters that have come to the three charity organizations there has been surprise at the number of benefactors who are apparently giving from small means. Working girls have sent in what they were able to give, and widows have added their mite to the collection. A letter was received by the State Charities Aid Association from a woman who says that she is a worker who has met with some measure of success in life, and she was anxious to help some one less fortunate.

"Those who have sent in small contributions, even the very smallest," said Miss Clark of the State Charities Aid Association, "have done their share in making a happy Christmas for the 100 neediest cases. The volume of small gifts has been large, and, taken collectively, they have materially helped to swell the amount that has gone to bring happiness to others."

A score of young wards of the State Charities Aid Association were taken last night to the houses of kind friends who have volunteered to play the combined part of Santa Claus and hosts. Today other children are to be taken to new-found friends, who will provide them with a memorable Christmas dinner, with presents and all that goes to gladden a childish heart on Christmas Day.

"A kid told me once that there was no Santa Claus, but I don't believe he told the truth," an eight-year-old boy confided to Miss Sophie Theis, Miss Clark's assistant.

This lad, for the first time in his life, yesterday saw a great big tree, all decorated with tinsel and weighted down with gifts.

The convert to the belief in Santa Claus spent last night with new-found friends.

Gifts Through The Times.

The following "100 neediest" gifts reached THE TIMES yesterday:

"M. G.," for Case 22	$10
Cedric R. T.	5
"H. C.," for Case 88	2
"D"	2
Mabelle H. Powell, Case 44	5
"N. D. S.," Case 88	4
George P. Fiske	[illegible]
Richard James Lowinson	1
Blanche Boring Snow	[illegible]
George Engel, Jr., Case 44	[illegible]
Jane Engel, Case 88	[illegible]
Louise Engel, Case 90	[illegible]
"C. H. M.," Case 66	1
"Bee," Case 62	1
Katharine H. Mortimer, Case 33	[illegible]
"E. A. K.," Case 22	1
"Anonymous," Case 44	10
J. C. Doran, Case 79	1
Mrs. K. A. Gage	1
"J. H. S."	1
"L. F. B.," in memory	10
"A Friend in New Orleans," Case 34	8
Joseph Gantz	30
"M. F. L."	50
"R. B."	5

A $10 contribution from George M. Wolfson was received for the Belgian Relief Committee. In acknowledging donations received Friday, the gift of "E. L." for Case 17 was given at $1 instead of $2.

SCHWAB AS SANTA CLAUS.

Steel Man Gives Platinum-Pearl Watch Charms to 150 Lieutenants.

Special to The New York Times.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Penn., Dec. 24.—Although his trip to England in search of big war contracts has made it necessary for Charles M. Schwab to postpone until Jan. 5 his annual dinner to his small army of Superintendents at the Bethlehem steel plant, the steel magnate, through his private secretary, J. M. Ward, today played the rôle of Santa Claus to his lieutenants.

About 150 of them received from Mr. Schwab long platinum watch charms, with pearls imbedded in each link. The chains are said to have cost about $150 each, or a total of more than $22,000.

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CHRISTMAS IN WARTIME.

Brave hearts will keep the day, though it be the saddest since the first festival of the Nativity. Even in the lands that war has seared and wasted the old hymns will be sung, but with sorrow-laden voices. There will be some semblance of the ancient forms, little of the wonted merriment. From ruined homes men have gone to their death, the widowed and the orphans to seek asylum among strangers; the temples of religion have been rent and blackened; the altars are thrown down, the chimes are mute. The most joyous feast day of the English, the French, the Germans, and the Belgians, Christmas, will in this year of war have a sober observance, and their most devout prayer will be for the dawn of peace.

The peoples of the nations at war are in our thoughts as never before. We suffer with them, sorrow with them. Our eyes all the time search the darkness for some ray of hope—peace on earth, good will toward men. Until the sun shine again for them we can have no day of rejoicing. The estranging sea can never sunder the ties of kindred or dim the pain and pity of the great tragedy. Our Christmas, too, will be a changed festival, and we shall join our prayers to theirs.

Yet it should be a day of hope. The end of the appalling strife is nearer, must be nearer, it may outrun our expectation and come within months instead of years. Perhaps the signs of promise that we now and then descry will not deceive us. Let us at least not cease to look for them—it helps to keep faith alive in our hearts and sustaining courage.

Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through the cypress trees.

And for the future of humanity we may take hope that out of this immeasurable affliction that men have brought upon themselves—for it were blasphemy to call it God's work—there may come a new birth, a new spirit, a resolve of all men together that henceforth none among them shall command the rest to shed each other's blood and find them compliant to his bidding. In that spirit of devout hopefulness the war-time Christmas may be fitly celebrated.

JOHN MUIR.

To John Muir more than to any other man or body of men the citizens of the United States owe the preservation of their great natural parks in the Far West. He not only initiated the movement to save them from the destruction which would have been inevitable in the march of material progress, but he helped to make their beauties and wonders known and appreciated. He was, it seems, the first to comprehend the giant trees of California, and he discovered and demonstrated, to the dismay of approved Science, which had made up its mind to the contrary, that the Yosemite Valley was a glacial formation.

Of hardy Scottish origin, brought up in the rigors of Calvinism and hard, plain living, his inventive gift saved him from a humble, inglorious career. Doubtless this gift would have developed and made him famous among inventors, if his love of nature had not drawn him away from the bench and lathe. From the day his eyes first rested on the Sierras he was a naturalist, and in the study of geology and flora he had few superiors. He had already traveled, not taking into account his journey in his childhood from Dunbar to the Wisconsin wilds, before he went to California. Once there, his home was nowhere else. He knew the mountains and forests of the West as they are known only to one who has dwelt in loneliness among them, hardened his body and nourished his soul in their splendid solitudes. But though he dwelt in California, he had visited all the ends of the earth and profited by his travels.

In his time he knew everybody. Scholars the world over delighted in his acquaintance and friendship. He wrote a few books which are not likely soon to be superseded by more authoritative and "up-to-date" studies of their subjects. But his best attribute was his sturdy, self-reliant, self-sacrificing manhood. He was a type somewhat rare in these days, a man of enormous intellectual capacity, possessing almost to the end the vigor of the habitual dweller in the forests, eschewing luxury, capable of enduring privation with unfailing cheerfulness. The influence of the Auld Kirk was always upon him, he never forgot his Scotch origin, but he was the kind of man whom it is a pleasure to consider a true American.

SUBMARINES AND BATTLESHIPS.

The only excuse the Navy Department could offer for neglecting the submarine in our navy would be its disbelief in the efficacy of the submarine as an engine of coast defense. If the department, after the performances of German and British submarines in the present war, actually disbelieves in that kind of war vessel, the department lays itself open to the charge made by Mr. Bumble the beadle against the law. But, of course, even the civil heads of the Navy Department know the value of the submarine. They know perfectly well that the United States Navy must have a fairly large number of such boats of the latest and most approved pattern, that all that it now possesses should be put in good condition as soon as possible. If any of them are not worth putting in order they should be sold as junk without delay and new ones put in their place.

It is gratifying to learn that the House Committee on Naval Affairs is alive to the need of submarines, but it is to be hoped that in providing for the building of a larger number of them than Secretary Daniels recommended in his report the original plan to lay down two new battleships next year will not be set aside. There is a disposition to build only one dreadnought, but all naval authorities are still agreed that the big battleship is the backbone of the navy and we have not as many as we ought to have for defensive purposes.

DIVIDEND REDUCTIONS.

Those who don't certainly know say that there are impending dividend reductions on standard shares. If their prophecies are realized how ought the investors in such properties to feel and act about it? That's for them to decide, each for himself. So far as they are dealers in fluctuations in price, rather than buyers of income, pity and advice would be wasted. It is the fate of most of that sort of speculators to buy dear and sell cheap. Now is their time to pass their bargains to those who take longer views. Take Atchison, for example, a road which is not likely to lead the dividend record downward. What is its record through good times and bad? In 1896 it earned hardly anything, but taking good and bad years together it has earned for the entire period since 1896 more than savings bank interest upon its investment. All the earnings cannot be paid out, but what is not disbursed remains in the property as a guarantee of stability in bad times and of higher dividends in the better times which are sure to return. Atchison may sell lower, nevertheless, but nothing is surer than that the lower it falls the better is the bargain.

The Pennsylvania is another example of the better sort. During the four years ended with June last it expended $272,000,000 in betterment of its property, and increased its service to its patrons correspondingly, as is proved by an increase of gross earnings by $34,000,000. Yet its earnings for its owners were $21,000,000 less than before it spent the $272,000,000. That might raise a doubt about the dividend. But the "Pennsy" is even surer than Atchison to earn better than a savings bank yield over a term of years. There might be disappointment at a reduction, but partners in a property cannot expect every year to be a good year. If there should be a reduction, that would be a certification that the current yield is below the average, and that the yield must rise hereafter to make the average true. It would be easy to go through the list in this way and to show for each of the leading railways that there is more money in their property than ever, and that their services to the public are greater than ever before. They cannot be worth less under such conditions permanently, unless the country itself is in a permanent decline. Nobody believes that. Unless all experience is worthless, there are indissoluble links between the prosperity of the country and the railways, and better times for both are sure. The condition of any individual year is comparatively unimportant to permanent holders of such a first charge upon the nation's profits as the railways.

In one way reduction of dividends for a time would have compensations almost worth while. It would bring home to all who take part in forming public opinion that they are responsible for the conditions which depress railway prospects. They have elected lawmakers who have passed the laws which they thought the people wanted. Those laws have been such as two-cent-fare statutes, full-crew laws, increases of taxes, and others imposing burdens upon railways, while commissions have forbade them to raise their rates to compensate the increases of costs. A few reductions of dividends will dissipate the idea that railways spend money out of a bottomless purse. Criticism of the railways will turn to criticism of the regulators and the railway baiters. If the railways are given a chance as good as that of other properties the reductions would be matter of a brief period. A reduction of 1 or even 2 per cent. for one or two dividend periods is excessively compensated by reductions of 10 or 20 points in price. To buy a little of the depressed stock, and to take enough interest to see that your property is not discriminated against is a sort of combination of personal profit and protection of public welfare.

"POPULAR" OPERA'S FATE.

The news of the suspension of performances by the Century Opera Company will be received everywhere with regret, and particularly in this city, where the enterprise originated and where large sums of money were contributed by a few persons to enable it to start on a fair basis. There was a general feeling that the project deserved to succeed, but obviously this feeling has not been strong enough to induce the public to support opera at low prices. That kind of opera may be admirable, the singers and instrumentalists may be entirely competent to give due expression to the composer's ideas, the acting may be efficient, and the stage pictures correct and handsome, yet it must lack the glamour associated with famous names.

Doubts as to the success of this latest scheme to give good opera at low prices were scarcely articulate while the enterprise was under way. There was a common disposition to give it a fair chance, to award all possible praise to its productions, to accept it as an earnest effort to supply a want which, it seemed, ought to be felt in every large community. Tickets were sold, too, in large numbers, and the auditorium often was crowded, but the sales were not great enough in the aggregate to meet the comparatively small expenses, small, that is to say, in comparison with those of the Metropolitan, though much larger than those of an ordinary theatre. The burden was too heavy for the shoulders of a few altruists. There is no reason why opera should ever be placed on the basis of charity.

The Century experiment has proved again that opera without renowned singers, even when as well done as some of the performances of the recent Autumn season, cannot be made to pay expenses. The competition in music in this town is enormous, and most of the people who can afford to pay but little for opera prefer to hear Caruso and his renowned associates in the cheaper seats of the Metropolitan to sitting in the comfortable stalls of the Century at performances which are admirable and well balanced, but avowedly second rate when judged by the Metropolitan standard. It is a great pity that we cannot have "popular" opera, but the fact that we cannot unless some philanthropists are willing to foot the bills has been proved once more. What New York will not support with enthusiasm other cities will inevitably neglect. There has been a general manifestation to praise and to commend the performances to one's neighbors, and there is even an expression of hope now that the enterprise will be revived next Fall. But the hope is faint.

MR. HILLES'S HURRAH.

There are some facts in recent political history that Mr. Charles D. Hilles cannot efface by shouting aloud that the Republicans will win a sweeping victory in 1916 on the tariff issue.

The last sweeping victory won by his party on the tariff issue was that of 1908. In that year the Republicans were tariff reformers. They pledged themselves to reduce tariff rates till they should be no more than the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad with a reasonable profit to the American manufacturer. They won, and they promptly and shamelessly broke their pledge. In the next House they lost their majority; in the next Presidential election they lost the President and Congress. A Democratic Congress passed a tariff law practically on the lines promised by the Republicans, but less rather than more radical. This year, owing largely to business depression that had nothing to do with the tariff, the Democratic majority in the House has been cut down sharply, though that in the Senate has been increased. If public affairs and general business should attain anything like a normal course in the next eighteen months, and if the Republicans should go to the country, as Mr. Hilles predicts, on the sole issue of the tariff, that is, on a promise—or threat—to restore the Payne bill, with its enormities and its anomalies, with its heavy burdens on materials of manufacture and with its long list of rich favors to special interests, does any sane man really believe that they would win?

The political and business future is not clear. Conditions may change for the better or for the worse very greatly, and prophecy is in the last degree risky. But one thing, we think, is about as certain as anything in politics can be. That is that the American people will not be guilty of the folly of complicating whatever troubles they may have by giving any party a mandate to upset their tariff system again and plunge their business into all the doubt and distress that would surely follow.

THE NEW TEMPER IN CONGRESS.

The new temper in affairs has even reached Congress, and there should be more joy over the reform of that hardened sinner against common sense than over the ninety and nine just men of business who too long took what was coming to them lying down. Only last week the Senate amended the sea safety treaty by adding to it a reservation of the right to enact the inconsistent La Follette full crew law. This was done on the President's approval. The La Follette bill has now been scrapped, that is to say, has been referred to "unfinished business." The desire to make an American marine possible is said to have prevailed over the desire to truckle to the union card group, the labor vote not counting for as much after election as before it.

The agricultural census has been dropped, although it really was more possibly useful and less costly than the railway valuation proposal. Now that sanity is returning, perhaps the railway valuation may be made less costly and obnoxious than in the present shape, which promises results in ten years or more at a cost of $50,000,000, according to the present estimate of those who talked about doing the work in a year or two at a cost of a million or two. Why might not Congress ask the valuators what possible use they would make of the valuation when it is done? Rates are not made for any one railway. They are made as a whole. No individual valuation can affect any individual rate, whatever the sins of capitalization. Rates must be based on the necessity of keeping the weakest necessary railway alive, without the least reference to its sins, or to the excessive profits of other railways on the same rate.

The President has put the Railway Securities bill in cold storage, and the bill against the cold storage of commodities has gone into the same chilly receptacle. The Rural Credits bill is against a snag, for the same reasons as the La Follette bill. The farmers will not have a vote next year, and they are fast taking the place of the railways as wealthy malefactors. Only last week all these and others of the same sort were indispensable to the country's welfare. Now they are all jettisoned as though something had been wrecked. Is it possible that Congress has just learned how little the country thinks it owes to the purveyors of prosperity by law?

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Longevity Has Its Price. Had the poet been writing about the whole class or group of centenarians, everywhere and always, instead of about the one little aggregation of villagers for whom his fortunate lyre was tuned, he still could have made his pleasing reference to "the short and simple annals of the poor."

For never has there been much more to say concerning those who lived a hundred years or longer than that they lived a hundred years or longer. Memory does not recall even one of them who did anything else remarkable enough to set the annalist's pen in motion, and while the circumstances of most of them have been, until the delaying end approached, what would be called comfortable, the great majority avoided excess of wealth, like every other, and no small fraction ended—still comfortably—as the beneficiaries of public or private largess.

Were it not at least seemingly unkind, one might say that centenarians surpass the common span for about the same reason that turtles do—because they are slow and calm, use up no energy in the maintenance of a high temperature, and are protected by a thick shell from the emotional accidents and stresses that tend to make life short and broad, not long and narrow.

It is significant that rarely has the claimant for wonder as a centenarian offered indubitable evidence in support of his or her demand. Usually the records have disappeared or there never have been any, and the safe admission of great age has had to be qualified in consequence of the knowledge that after a certain time people are apt to stop calling themselves younger than they really are and to begin exaggerating the other way.

No centenarians have yet been able to give the rest of us any hints of how they did it that are of more use than are the familiar platitudes about worry and moderation. This is in effect merely telling us to have their temperaments, which is about as useful as telling us to have hair or eyes of the same color as theirs.

All of these remarks apply to the estimable—every centenarian has been estimable—woman who died here this week at what may have been the age of 117. Her annals seem to have been sweet as well as short and simple. Her troubles were few and she made none for anybody. But she could claim the distinction of having lived in three centuries.

Cleary Case Problems. One of our readers is angry because the acquittal of the man Cleary, up in Rockland County — which she calls, correctly enough, "a travesty of justice"—has not excited more comment and more indignant comment. Another critic of our press and public, a transplanted Southerner with the familiar sensitiveness to comparisons adverse to what was—and what he still calls—his part of the country, declares that had such a verdict, after such a killing as Cleary's was, been found anywhere in the South, the Northern papers and the Northern people would have discussed it loudly and at length, not as an isolated episode, but as illustrating a sectional disregard for law and life.

Neither of these complaints seems to us well founded. Certainly the Cleary case has not been ignored here, and though nobody has been much excited by it—what was the use?—condemnation of the homicidal deed and of the jurymen who accepted as sufficient the miserable excuses offered in behalf of the man who committed it has been strong and general. If Cleary has any defenders outside of his own little circle of petty politicians—if any others have failed to see that to avenge the hurt suffered by his own pride he brutally sacrificed his daughter's honor and her one chance of happiness—they have kept wisely and cautiously silent.

As for the other grievance, there may be something in it, but not much, and, for the little, there is at least the explanation that the Southerners are themselves fond of claiming, if not the exclusive possession of several ennobling virtues, at least the possession of them to a peculiar and distinguishing degree. The mere making of that pretension tends to create the impression that anything done down South is "Southern," and the consequent embarrassment and pain, when the something happens to be bad, is a penalty which the less self-satisfied North usually escapes.

It is perhaps pertinent to this particular grievance to ask its exploiter, first, if he believes that a Southern jury would have convicted Cleary, and, second, whether he thinks condemnation of the acquittal would have been as general and as indignant in the South as it has been in the North.

Heard and Heeded the Protest. Even a military censor, it seems, can be brought to a realization of his proper place in nature when the exasperation excited by an announced intention of his is sufficiently vigorous and voluble. Only on that theory, which hitherto has not been very confidently held, can one explain the reported change of mind on the part of the English censors with respect to the shutting off of all war news for the whole of Christmas Day and a little more.

When they notified the world of journalism in general and the English press in particular of this amazing plan there was an instant cry of pain and anger from so many newspaper offices in so many lands that the official winnowers of information needed and wanted by everybody apparently felt that they had passed the limits of the tolerable, and that they would have to postpone the taking of their little vacation till a season less convenient, perhaps, for themselves, but vastly more so for innumerable other people.

The present expectation is that the war news will come along as usual this afternoon and evening. If it does, not everything will be forgiven—the censors needn't expect that—but a good deal will, for the "coming down" of these usually obstinate foes of a friendly press is a spectacle as pleasing as it is novel. It really looks as if they had learned something at last.

Offered a Poor Bargain. There is significance in the fact that when the proposal to exchange civilian prisoners was made to the Germans, they replied that as the number of such prisoners in England greatly exceeded that in Germany, the exchange should be on the basis of five to one.

This means that many Germans had found it expedient for one or another reason to live in England before the war. It also means that they found life there at least sufficiently pleasant and profitable to make it tolerable, and this, in turn, throws a light on the allegations as to British animosity and interference which have been so frequent and bitter of late. However it may have been as regards the German State, the German people apparently suffered no wrongs or restrictions anywhere in the British Empire, and Mr. Dickinson's contention that they would gain nothing if it were tinted a new color—their color—on the map gets some support, obviously, from the relative numbers of the two groups of prisoners.

That the German plan of exchange was not accepted is another matter, with the reasons for the refusal too plain to need pointing out.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S PLEA.

Asks Donations to Keep Its Work Up to the End of the Year.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The Legal Aid Society, which for many years has performed a great service in this city, is now compelled to appeal to the public for that assistance which must be had if it is to complete its year's work and be in position to begin the next year without serious financial embarrassment.

The society's mission is to assist those to obtain their legal and proper rights who otherwise would be deprived of them.

Of equal importance is the fact that it teaches respect for American institutions and demonstrates that under our laws and in our courts of justice the poor man has opportunity equal to the millionaire. It gives new courage to men and women who are despondent under the wrongs inflicted upon them and are ready to turn to violence.

Since its foundation the Legal Aid Society has handled more than 500,000 cases at an average cost of $1.19. In 1913 alone the number of cases were 39,189. It recovered in small amounts more than $138,000 for its poor clients, and this year's work will show even better results.

The war in Europe has made the task of the society more difficult, and has cut off much of its normal revenue, and, on the other hand, has increased the demand for its services.

Checks should be sent to the Treasurer, Allen Wardwell, 15 Broad Street. Funds for immediate use are needed.

ALLEN WARDWELL,
GEORGE S. HORNBLOWER,
NATHAN A. SMYTH,
CHARLES W. OGDEN,
LEONARD McGEE,
Committee on Finance.

New York, Dec. 24, 1914.

THE LITERACY TEST

Would Bar Out Industrious and Much-Needed Laborers.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Your editorial article, "Pushing the Immigration Bill," is excellent and very timely. The trade unions are pushing this bill so as to corner the labor market, that a few might benefit at the expense of the many.

It is well known to those who have had any experience on this question, especially large employers of labor, that there is little danger to this country or its institutions from the able-bodied illiterate immigrant, but rather from the fellow who has a little education and who, on the first opportunity, becomes a mouthpiece for the Socialist and the I. W. W. disturbers. They are the ones to be proscribed, as their mission is to create a state of unrest.

As a large employer of labor for forty-five years I know that the illiterate, able-bodied immigrants will make safer citizens and more likely to bring up an industrious family and be worth far more to this country than the mouthing Socialist.

Stop immigration to this country for ten years and nearly all our great industries would be paralyzed, as Young America is not inclined to work at anything by which he would soil his hands. His education is in the wrong direction. He is being taught to start at the top and not at the bottom, hence so many failures.

I do not think there is any likelihood of a rush of immigration after this war is over, as the people are so impoverished that they will not be able to get enough money together to pay their passage.

Let the honest, able-bodied immigrant come to our shores, whether he be educated or uneducated, as the nation needs such.

New York, Dec. 24, 1914. R. D.

APOLOGIA

(Not for the "Penny Dip," but for the Public.)

Set Barrie—he who conjured Ne'er-grown-ups
That gladden weary hearts of Those-grown-old—
To fashion Demons with their vintage-cups
From Battle's wine-press? Why, the tale is told
Before it has beginning. The task is for a man
Of iron and bellowing thunder—not a Peter Pan!

LAURA WILKIE.

URGES BUSINESS AMNESTY.

Lawyer Seymour Asks the President to Wipe the Slate Clean.

John Seymour, head of the law firm of Seymour, Megrath & Billings at 61 Broadway, sends to The Times this open letter to President Wilson:

The President:

For more than three years, first under the Taft Administration, then under this, I have urged amnesty for all crimes in the past under the Sherman Anti-trust act. The President, under Section II., Article 2, of the Constitution, has power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States except in cases of impeachment; and in the Garland case, in the Supreme Court of the United States, this power was sustained to every intent as to all offenses in the past, whether before, at, or after conviction.

This amnesty proposition received marked attention from yourself and from members of the Cabinet, and from the newspapers and from public men. Some in their exaggeration pronounced it the greatest idea that had ever been put out. But, on the other hand, there are partisans who are willing that business should stagnate rather than revive under Democratic auspices.

We may get on without proclaiming amnesty. I think we would. The certain benefits and fruits of the tariff and of your fiscal legislation will be so immediate, so great, and so obvious that this next year will be the most prosperous in our history. The war will not stop it. And yet prosperity is not everything. The country wishes lofty righteousness to prevail; it wishes unrest to cease; it wishes willing obedience to law; it wishes business to be upright. No Kultur by violence, no prosperity by violence; both the false doctrines are headed for the cliff.

How small a thing it is to prosecute for statute-made business crimes when the whole world is deeply moved by the larger things—ideas stronger than armies, the large future crowding upon us, in which old ideas cannot live. Take any specific case of an unrighteous combine. It belongs to past Administrations, and some of the foremost personages are dead, some have immunity, others are clamoring for it, some are willing to offer up associates, some will be acquitted. Not one in a hundred can be prosecuted; and if there should be a few convictions it would be scapegoat justice. With all the great purposes accomplished, amnesty is very timely now. It would take the loftiest courage to proclaim it. No other President had that kind of courage. And the people would understand the broad statesmanship, and acclaim it.

Men and corporations have been advised wrong; some things are crimes now which a few years back were thought to be moneywise shrewdness. But if these new-made crimes have already lessened and will cease; if business wants to be honest on its own initiative; if further agitation tends to diminish business or prevent a revival; if unemployment exists, and might be diminished; if amelioration, coming slowly, might be hastened, then this pardon by the exercise of the great prerogative would be wise.

The objective is obedience to law, not punishment for acts done under advice. The pardoning power is derived from the law of the King's own dignity. The monarch might even seek cases to pardon. There is no other thought with which in importance it is in comparison except disarmament and the wholesome life exempt from fear.

The Wilson Administration and the Democratic Party recognize that they have a career and a destiny quite apart from the doings of the Roosevelt and Taft Administrations, and therefore the thought persists that the country would be well pleased to see you wipe the slate clean from all monopoly offenses in the past, securing willing obedience to law by constructive policies, more effective than brute force, eliminating monopoly and restraints of trade by invoking in a practical sense the irresistible but unseen forces about us, in that a new order of ideas has been diffused over the country, triumphant over wrong, remedial, self-working and just.

With assurances of the highest consideration,

Respectfully Yours,
JOHN S. SEYMOUR.
Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 21, 1914.

MONEY FOR DEFENSE.

Congress to Blame for Not Spending It Efficiently.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

No sanely conducted manufacturing business would dream of devoting money to the purchase of machines for one department, of a capacity far in excess, or short of, the capacity of another, or of the number of hands it purposes employing as permanent policy. Yet this is just what has been done by Congress in its persistent refusals to heed the intelligently balanced recommendations of the military authorities, Representative Sherley to the contrary notwithstanding. Witness the number of ships obliged to remain tied up in the navy yards, useless, for want of men to man them, the same condition with respect to the possible operation continuously of the coast artillery guns, and the utter relative inadequacy of field guns for the mobile forces and corresponding strength of personnel in the field artillery arm.

It is no use for Congress to say "we have spent millions" and "furnished every gun asked," as Representative Sherley says respecting coast defenses, apparently dismissing as quite irrelevant any question of men as a factor in an adequately balanced investment, along with the shortage of ammunition. These defects have been repeatedly pointed out in the report of every chief of staff for some time past. And this is quite apart from the notorious Congressional abuse of military appropriation in the maintenance of strategically useless army posts for the pecuniary benefit of local constituencies, and which the army authorities have been unanimous in urging should be abandoned in the interests of efficiency and economy.

STURGIS LAURENCE.
New York, Dec. 24, 1914.

A FEDERAL ARMY RESERVE

Can Be Created by Providing Short Enlistment Periods.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

In Secretary Garrison's report on the army mention is made of the failure to create a reserve. He illustrates by stating that in two years the reserve force has reached the number of sixteen. Furthermore he declines to discuss the reason for the failure.

The Seven-Year Enlistment bill went into force on Nov. 1, 1912. That bill provides for enlisted men to be actively connected with the army for a period of three or four years and then go on reserve for the balance of four or three years, thus creating the reserve force. As no men have yet reached the end of the active period it is evident why we have no reserve now. Why did the Secretary overlook this point?

Personally I favor the short enlistment period that the Secretary recommends. In this connection it may be interesting to note from my knowledge as a result of coming in contact with a fair number of enlisted men that when the Seven-Year bill went into effect many who would otherwise have re-enlisted hesitated to do so, and a noticeable drop in the number of recruits was also apparent.

PHILIP SCHEIMAN.
Whitestone, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1914.

LID OFF NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Nearly 200 Places Licensed to Entertain Till Daylight.

Mayor Mitchel yesterday granted 177 all-night licenses to cafés, hotels and retaurants for New Year's Eve. This is the largest number of licenses of this kind that has been granted in several years. Included in the number are cabaret places which ordinarily close at 2 o'clock. Before New Year's Eve the number may be increased.

In Mayor Gaynor's term the largest number of all-night licenses granted on New Year's Eve was about forty. Last year Mayor Kline issued 100. State Excise Commissioner Farley sent a circular letter this year to all hotel and café proprietors who wanted a license to keep open all night on New Year's Eve, saying that they would have to apply to the Mayor. The Mayor referred each applicant to the Police Commissioner for investigation. In practically every case Commissioner Woods gave consent and the Mayor granted the licenses. In explaining the Mayor's attitude, Secretary Theodore Rosseau said:

"Mayor Mitchel's reason for granting so many special licenses for New Year's Eve is that he is determined that there shall be no talk of favoritism. The restriction in the matter of licenses in the past has led to rumors of certain places being favored. Mayor Mitchel will allow no ground for that."

FEW IMPROPER EVICTIONS.

City Marshal Tiernan Says Distress Is Much Exaggerated.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Much has been said in the newspapers about the eviction of poor people, the articles often being accompanied by a picture of the families' things on the street. As a City Marshal, and having over twenty years' experience in connection with the West Side Court, which takes in some of the poorest as well as some of the worst portions of the city, I have this to say that, out of every one hundred cases, only one actual eviction takes place, and that one is ninety-nine times out of one hundred an unruly, destructive, or drunken tenant, who deserves just what happens to him or her as the case may be. Just such a case took place recently in Pearl Street, when a tenant who had not paid any rent since last August was put out. The rent of the rooms was only $5 per month, which was not forthcoming, but on Friday the janitress of the house by actual count saw eleven kettles of beer carried into the rooms. A City Marshal has a heart like every one else, and has every opportunity to judge the people he is called upon to evict, and in every case that has come to my notice where there was real poverty and distress I have reported, or had it reported, to the charity organiastion of the district, and in no case was a deserving family neglected.

These organizations, both Jewish and Christian, have handled each case sent to them, helped the distressed to new homes and food, and often procured work for the father or son. Ofttimes where it is only a matter of a few dollars, the Marshal himself gives the necessary sum and that ends it.

HENRY F. TIERNAN, City Marshal.
New York, Dec. 24, 1914.

THE NEAR SIDE STOP.

Its Retention Urged Because It Avoids Confusion.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I read with regret the letter of Mr. Standish speaking against the "near side stop." The fact is that the near side stop is the only solution to the vexed question in the mind of every woman, "On which corner will the car stop?" The far side stop is impractical because in the nature of things it cannot be universal; there were exceptions in the case of car line crossings, of fire streets, of school streets, &c., ad infinitum, until no one knew where a car would stop. Many times I lost a car by being waved to the near side by one motorman, only to have the next one decide that he would stop on the far side, and make me race through the slush to reach the car in time.

There is no confusion about the near side stop, and I have never known a motorman to refuse to open the front door for passengers waiting on the crossing; in fact, front doors are universally used even when the far side stop was in vogue. G. B. MYER.

New York, Dec. 24, 1914.

Madison Avenue's Street Signs.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Some years ago you published my comments upon Madison Avenue's street signs—on both the lack of them and the unserviceableness of what there were. Today they are equally unserviceable at night. Because of the glare from the lights above they can be read only with the greatest difficulty at the width of the street. From the street cars they are themselves invisible, to say nothing of their lettering. It would seem after these years of changing administrations and painful experience, to say nothing of my own comments referred to above, that Madison Avenue, at least, would be adequately equipped for navigation at night, but it is not more so than a side alley in midnight Peking. Unless this condition can be remedied, I shall have to remove my route of travel to some avenue having occasional landmarks, such as Second or Third Avenues, where at least the elevated stations assure you every six blocks or so that you are still within the city limits. Let the city and Madison Avenue bear this loss if they can.

New York, Dec. 20, 1914. L.

Illiterate Immigrants.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Regarding the literacy test which is now under debate in the Senate, it might be timely to call attention to an article on Russia appearing in the November issue of The National Geographic Magazine. An illustration on Page 519 shows a group of Russian immigrants arriving in Siberia. An explanatory footnote reads as follows:

> Such people as these undoubtedly will prove to be the progenitors of a race that will compare with our own sturdy farmers of the Northwest. A group of Russian peasants emigrated to Siberia with nothing but the clothes on their backs, a little flour, some home-tanned leather, and a few tools for carpentry and blacksmithing. The first day they made two sets of ovens out of brick they prepared from a clay bed near by, and the men burned charcoal while the women made bread. Within two days after their arrival, they had six blacksmith's forges going, and inside of ten days they had built themselves rude houses, made wagons, manufactured spades by the dozen, and reshod their horses, all the iron used being forged on the ground; yet none of them could read or write.

Would it be good policy to pass any law which would shut out such immigrants as these? M. C. G. W.

Clinton, Conn., Dec. 21, 1914.

HOLLY.

A wreath, a wreath we wrap around the world!
We wave the flag our forests have unfurled,
For gladness would sing out above our pain
And resurrection spring up through a stain.
What though the thorn be swift to stab and spear?
The leaf is still inviolate and dear.
What though each little lobe of red be blood—
Hot drops whose gathering would form a flood
To drown this jubilee, with fearful foam,
Then dry and harden to a dreadful loam?
It cannot harm! However brave the tide,
Pale Peace, though fainting, braver will abide.
There blooms all round the sad, red-clotted slopes
The green of our imperishable hopes!

MARY PYNE.

FINDS COLLEGES LAX IN HANDLING FUNDS

General Education Board Insists They Shall Safeguard Gifts in Trust.

NEW SYSTEMS INSTALLED

As a Result, Educational Institutions Have Been Taught Business Methods.

The fifth installment of the annual report of the General Education Board dealing with the results of its activities upon college finance was made public yesterday. In part it says:

"As a business organization, alive to the dangers which attend large enterprises, the board has taken care to aid institutions in safeguarding their property. For this reason, the business management of colleges applying for contributions has been carefully scrutinized with a view to the suggesting of such improvements as might be advisable.

"Originally, many of the smaller colleges particularly had no organized bookkeeping staff. One college was discovered which had no record of bonds given for endowment except the envelope in which they were placed. In another instance gifts had been received through a series of years and no record of the amounts or the purposes for which the gifts were made had been kept. The only thing known by the college when the inquiry was made was that at that time they had such and such securities.

"Colleges have found it necessary to examine files of years' accumulation, to search records of church organizations, to appeal to the memory of 'the oldest inhabitant,' and to resort to every known method of getting information, and then have been obliged to report that the statements submitted were only approximately correct.

Old Methods Changed.

"All this is being changed. Bookkeepers are being installed; a thoroughgoing system of bookkeeping established; a complete system of vouchers adopted; an annual auditing of accounts required by the trustees, and the issuing of financial reports to boards of trustees and to others interested.

"All colleges with which the board has co-operated have already been in possession of trust funds. But it has been discovered that not infrequently such trust funds have been depleted.

"The board of trustees of a college, being hard pressed to meet current expenses, has resorted to the fiction of 'borrowing' from permanent funds to tide the college over a time of stress; occasionally a 'note' is given to cover the 'loan.' The relief may not have come as anticipated and the 'borrowed' money frequently has not been returned to the trust fund.

"Whenever this state of affairs has been found the General Education Board has insisted upon the restoration of such trust funds before making payments on its pledge. It has also stipulated that the money contributed by the General Education Board 'shall be invested and preserved inviolably for the endowment of the institution.'

"The board has received many assurances from colleges that in the future trust funds will be more strictly regarded, and that under no circumstances will encroachment upon permanent funds to meet current expenses be allowed. The board has thus been made to believe that, apart from rendering direct aid to colleges, it has been of service in throwing safeguards about funds contributed by others.

Colleges Saved from Ruin.

"The gifts of the General Education Board have been the means of arousing new effort. In one instance, the only endowed college in a Southern State, 'struggling against almost insuperable obstacles,' was saved from destruction and has now $300,000 safely invested; in another—this one of the strongest institutions of the land—the board's appropriation was the initial help in obtaining land, buildings, and endowment for a set of adequate university laboratories.

"In repeated instances, debts have been paid, salaries increased, new departments created, and more teachers supplied in consequence of the increased resources toward which the board's gifts served as an almost indispensable leverage.

"The institution's usefulness grows with its financial strength. The canvass for funds itself attracts students by making it better known; increased resources mean larger and more varied facilities, through which, of course, more students are more efficiently trained. The rapid increase in university attendance has forced the raising of larger sums; the raising of these sums has reacted on and increased attendance.

"If colleges and universities are to be thus popularly fostered and sustained, the work of the General Education Board may be fairly said to have made these institutions the more secure to the extent that it has increased the number of those who have a stake in them."

COURT REINSTATES AMBROSE

Former Superintendent of City Ferries Will Also Get $5,000 Back Pay.

Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum has ordered the reinstatement of John F. Ambrose, who was removed as Superintendent of Municipal Ferries by Former Dock Commissioner Calvin Tomkins in February, 1910. The order carries with it the back pay that would have been earned by Mr. Ambrose, amounting to more than $5,000.

Mr. Ambrose was removed on the charge of having neglected his work. He immediately began a legal fight for reinstatement, alleging that his removal was for political reasons. The case first came before Justice Newburger, who directed a verdict for the city. An appeal was taken to the Appellate Division and a new trial was ordered. A jury before Justice Whitaker unanimously found that Ambrose had been removed for political reasons. An appeal was taken from this decision and the city appealed from the verdict of the jury. While these appeals were pending, the Corporation Counsel decided that the most equitable thing to do would be to accept the verdict. A. S. Gilbert, who represented Mr. Ambrose, said yesterday that after his client had been reinstated he would resign.

GARMENT WAGES INCREASED

And Hours of Labor Shorter Since Peace Protocol of 1913.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The dress and shirtwaist industry in New York City does a business of $100,000,000 annually, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and employs 37,000 persons, who receive annually more than $17,000,000 in wages. These facts were developed from an investigation which covered 520 shops employing 31,500 persons.

To obtain a comparison of wages prevailing before and after the peace protocol of Jan. 18, 1913, data for the busiest week, that is, the week showing a maximum number of employes, were taken in 1912 and 1913. These show a general increase in rates of wages.

The average number of employes per week during the year 1913 was 83.3 per cent. of the number in the busiest week, and the average amount of wages paid per week was 73 per cent. of the maximum amount. In other words, if all the employes on the pay rolls during the busiest week were to have an equal chance they would be employed only forty-three weeks and would be able to earn on the average less than three-fourths of the wages paid in the week of greatest wages.

The hours of labor have decreased since the protocol went into effect.

'THE LIE' IS A PLAY OF GREAT INTEREST

Keen but Mechanically Wrought Suspense in New English Drama

BY HENRY ARTHUR JONES

Played at the Harris by a Competent Company, with Margaret Illington at the Head.

THE LIE. A play in four acts, by Henry Arthur Jones with Margaret Illington, at the Harris Theatre.

Hamp	G. W. Anson
Miss Ponsent	Gladys Morris
Gibbard	Margaret Johnson
Sir Robert Shale	Alfred Bishop
Elinor Shale	Margaret Illington
George	Stuart Robson
Gerald Forster	Vincent Serrano
Lucy Shale	Violet Heming
Noll Dibdin	C. Aubrey Smith
Mrs. Callard	Mildred Orme
Dick	Master James Eagle

"The Lie," a serious play by Henry Arthur Jones, was produced at the Harris Theatre last evening for the first time on any stage. It is the third work by this long active English playwright to be shown in New York since the present season was well under way, and proves to be a piece of keen, if somewhat trickily contrived, interest. Also it serves to bring Margaret Illington back to New York for the first time since her brief appearance here in "Kindling" some years ago. As the heroine and victim of "The Lie," she gives a competent performance that rises to heights of considerable power in the really superb dramatic climax which is the signal for the third act curtain.

This new Jones drama is markedly characterized by a cautious and elaborate ingenuity. The whole structure of the play rests upon a false statement and the truth is kept hidden from all those it most vitally and tragically concerns, not merely through the silence of the liar, but by a series of unintentionally misleading conversations and the accidents of untimely interruptions.

It relies for its force on the ironies of delicately balanced mischance. If this person were to speak a shade less ambiguously or if that person were to stay out of the room a second longer the whole story would come to an end.

To watch such a play unfold is to experience something of the sensation of watching experienced and adroit hands at work on the erection of a house of cards. The very ingenuity has its fascination, and a certain artificial suspense is derived from wondering just when and how it is all going to tumble down.

The lie in question is the critical one told by the younger daughter of the impoverished and alcoholic Sir Robert Shale when certain belated suspicions are aroused concerning a child secretly born out of wedlock. The child was hers, but she directs the suspicions toward her unconscious sister so that she in her unscrupulous scramble out of poverty may capture for herself the man who loves her sister and whom her sister love. The crash comes when, some years later, the sister discovers the treachery, and the third-act curtain falls on the frantic outburst of her passionate and abhorring anger.

Partly by the process of making promises not to be fulfilled, the interest is kept keyed high until the very end, when the full truth is at least in sight. The end itself is acceptable even if a little unsatisfying to those incorrigibly romantic souls who do most of the theatregoing done in these and other parts.

It is a pity that the younger sister should be made such an entirely soulless little creature. The story would be supported by a more ready reasonableness if she did her villainy with some traces of impulse, fear, or compunction. She seems about as weighted with scruples as Iago.

And just as when Iago is made too patently malevolent, so the needlessly obvious manner of the liar in "The Lie" continuously provokes troublesome doubts as to the degree of intelligence possessed by the other people of the story. The responsibility for this lies somewhere between Mr. Jones, the director of the rehearsals, and the comely Violet Heming, who plays the part.

Miss Illington gives a quite satisfying performance as the victim of the lie, though something different from her choked and thunderous utterance might more impressively suggest the bitterness which she must show in her final interview with her sister.

Mr. Serrano is fine and forceful as the man who marries the wrong sister, and C. Aubrey Smith, looking unexpectedly like John Drew, is entirely and valuably at his ease in the not particularly exacting rôle of the man who comes to the rescue. These two make important contributions to the generally pleasing performance of a play that is extremely interesting.

MASSENET'S 'MANON' SUNG.

Miss Farrar and Caruso in Leading Roles at a Good Performance.

Massenet's "Manon" was sung for the first time this season at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, recalling by its appearance in the répertoire at the date set the vicissitudes it went through last year, when, at first selected as the opening opera of the season, it was postponed twice on account of the illness of Miss Farrar, and finally reached performance as a New Year's Eve attraction instead of one calculated to fill the house on Christmas Eve, which was its function last night. Although the house was indeed filled, the lack of extra crowding made it one of the smallest audiences to which Miss Farrar and Mr. Caruso, appearing together, have sung in a long time.

The five acts of Massenet's opera proved as potent as usual in interesting a Metropolitan Opera House audience. The performance was a good one, though it did not perhaps call forth the ultimate spark of brilliance of which all its exponents are capable. The singing of Mr. Caruso and Miss Farrar in these rôles is well known. There was one change of importance in the cast, Antonio Scotti's appearance as Lescaut, a part in which he has not been heard lately, although he regularly sings Lescaut in Puccini's "Manon Lescaut." His impersonation of the cousin of the heroine last night was a worthy feature of the performance.

The others were Miss Sparkes, Miss Braslau, and Mmes. Duchene and Maria Savage, and Messrs. Rothier, Reiss, de Segurola, Ananian, Reschiglian, and Begue. Mr. Toscanini's exposition of the graceful and flowing score was calculated to show it in its best light.

EVA TANGUAY ALONE NOW.

Says She Has Separated from Her Husband, John Ford.

Eva Tanguay, the cyclonic vaudeville performer, announced last night at the Hotel Cumberland that she had separated from her husband, John Ford, the dancer. She also notified the management of the hotel that Mr. Ford was no longer welcome at her apartments, and Mr. Ford moved to the Hotel Van Cortlandt. Miss Tanguay also gave out the statement, through her press agent, that she would bring a divorce action at once.

Eva Tanguay and John Ford were married in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Nov. 24, 1913, and Ford became a member of his wife's company, which was then touring the country.

FAMILY JOINS PRESIDENT.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sayre in Christmas Party at the White House.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre of Williamstown, Mass., arrived at the White House this morning to pass the Christmas holidays.

The President will observe this holiday with a family party that in addition to his daughters and sons-in-law will include his sister, Mrs. Howe, with her daughter and granddaughter, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones. Mrs. Sayre, who was Miss Jessie Wilson, is expected to remain at the White House through the greater part of the Winter.

Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan, Secretary of War and Mrs. Garrison have all left town for the holidays. Other members of the Cabinet circle will celebrate Christmas at their Washington homes. The only home of this official circle in which the old-time Christmas tree will be found is that of the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston, where three young children constitute the family.

Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakhmeteff, who have reversed their rule of accepting no invitations of a purely social nature, were the guests of honor at a dinner party this evening at the home of Mrs. Robert McCormick.

Mrs. Robert H. Travers was hostess at a tea dance this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Frances Travers. Mrs. Travers, widow of a prominent business man of Detroit, recently completed a large residence on Connecticut Avenue, where the entertainment took place.

SOCIAL NOTES.

The wedding of Miss Katherine Rochester, daughter of Mrs. Robert S. Reid of this city, and Leland Stanford Briggs, whose engagement was announced last month, will take place on Jan. 4 at the home of the bride's brother, John C. Rochester, in Ardsley, N. Y.

Mrs. Lucien Hamilton Tyng of 3 East Fifty-eighth Street has sent out cards for Monday afternoon, Jan. 4, when Miss Margaret Sumner will sing "Haensel und Gretel" in costume.

The Junior League of the Bloomingdale Day Nursery will give a benefit tea dance at the Plaza on Monday afternoon, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Knoblauch of the Wyoming, Fifty-fifth Street and Seventh Avenue, will be at home on Jan. 1, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

The annual dance of the Sowers will take place on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, at the Biltmore.

The Rev. and Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler of 567 West 139th Street will give a dinner today for Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schuyler of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Barbour Wallner.

Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite is giving a dance tonight at her country home, Martin Hall, Great Neck, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Montgomery Roosevelt are entertaining a large house party at Roosevelt Hall, Skaneateles, N. Y., over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Burrall Hoffman gave a Christmas tree party last night at their residence, 58 East Seventy-ninth Street, for young people.

MISS E. W. DIXON ENGAGED.

Will Wed Edward R. Simpson, Son of U. S. Naval Captain.

Special to The New York Times.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Isaac H. Dixon announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth White Dixon, to Edward Ridgely Simpson, son of Capt. Edward Simpson, U. S. N., and Mrs. Simpson, at a dinner she gave tonight at her residence in Park Avenue following the return of Mr. Simpson to Baltimore for the holidays from Harvard, where he is a student at the Law School.

Miss Dixon is a twin sister of Miss Mary Allen Dixon, both having made their début together last Winter after serving as bridesmaids at the wedding of their elder sister, now Mrs. Childs Frick of New York and Bryn Mawr, Penn.

Mr. Simpson, through his mother, formerly Miss Camilla Ridgely, is a great-grandson of the late Reverdy Johnson, at one time Ambassador to England, and is also related to Mrs. Richard Irvin of New York. He was graduated from Princeton before entering Harvard, and traveled abroad extensively during the time his father was Naval Attaché at the American Embassy in London.

The date for the wedding is not yet fixed.

Mytinger-Macrae.

Dr. Walter H. Mytinger of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miss M. Della Macrae of this city were married yesterday at the Presbyterian Church at Mineola, L. I., by the Rev. Daniel McDonald. The bride is a trained nurse. They will make their home in Cincinnati.

CURRIER—CATLOW.

Miss Margaret Alice Catlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Catlow of Overlook Avenue, West Orange, N. J., and Richard Chase Currier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Currier of South Orange, were married last night in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, South Orange, by the rector, the Rev. F. Creswick Tod. The bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth Maisbury of Jenkintown, Penn., as bridesmaid, and Miss Janet Smith of West Orange as flower girl. Kenneth McClave of New York was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Currier left on a Southern honeymoon.

Emanu-El Sisterhood Gives a Dance.

A subscription dance was held at the Hotel Plaza last night under the auspices of the Emanu-El Sisterhood of Personal Service, which maintains a large home at 318 and 320 East Eighty-second Street. Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Adolph Lewisohn. Several hundred guests attended

Assisting Mrs. Lewisohn were Mrs. Sidney Borg, Mrs. Hiram Bloomingdale, Mrs. Arthur L. Cahn, Mrs. Joseph Freedlander, Mrs. Nelson Greenhut, Mrs. Edgar A. Hellman, Mrs. Arthur Lehman, Mrs. Julian C. Levi, Mrs. Richard Lewisohn, Mrs. Alfred S. Rossin, Mrs. Roger S. Straus, Mrs Jacob Schiff, Mrs. Joseph Sidenberg, and Mrs. Felix Warburg.

The Emanu-El Sisterhood of Personal Service, of which Mrs. William Einstein is President, is open all the year around.

Interdenominational Prayer Service.

The New York Jubilee Continuation Committee has arranged an interdenominational prayer service for Friday morning, Jan. 8, at the Collegiate Reformed Church of St. Nicholas, 1 West Forty-eighth Street. "Missions and World Peace" will be the subject of an interdenominational mass meeting on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 4:30 P. M., at the Central Presbyterian Church, Fifty-seventh Street, between Seventh Avenue and Broadway, New York. The speakers will be Mrs. Henry W. Peabody and Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery.

T. Coleman du Pont Operated Upon.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Dec. 24.—Thomas Coleman du Pont, powder manufacturer of Wilmington, Del., underwent an operation for abdominal trouble at St. Mary's Hospital today. Although the operation was of a serious nature, the patient was resting comfortably tonight. Physicians predicted a complete recovery, but said that it would be several days before they could pronounce Mr. du Pont out of danger.

First reports today had it that Senator Henry A. du Pont, a cousin of the patient, had submitted to an operation.

1% Per MONTH UPON PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

THE PROVIDENT LOAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

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Fourth Avenue. cor. 25th Street.
Eldridge St., cor. Rivington St.
Seventh Av., bet. 48th & 49th Sts.
Lexington Av., cor. 124th St.
Grand St., cor. Clinton St.
E. 72d St., bet. Lexington & 3d Avs.
East Houston St., cor. Essex St.

BRONX
Courtlandt Av., cor. 148th St.
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Graham Av., cor. Debevoise St.
Pitkin Av., cor. Rockaway Av.

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STUNNING GIRLS IN NEW ENGLISH SHOW

Fifty in the Chorus the Chief Feature of "Tonight's the Night" at the Shubert.

JAMES BLAKELEY AMUSING

George Grossmith and Emmy Wehlen Contribute to Swiftly Moving and Reasonably Tuneful Play.

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT. A musical comedy in two acts. Book by Fred Thompson. Music by Paul Rubens, at the Shubert Theatre.

Montagu Lovitt-Lovitt	James Blakeley
Henry	Lauri De Frece
Pedro	Maurice Farkoa
Robin Carraway	Davy Burnaby
Archibald	Robert Nainby
Albert	Leslie Henson
Lord Ridgmount	Laurie Desmond
Tolly Beauchamp	S. Brightman
Policeman	F. Smythe
The Hon. Dudley Mitten	George Grossmith
Beatrice Carraway	Iris Hoey
Victoria	Fay Compton
Daisy de Monthe	Madge Saunders
Angela Lovitt-Lovitt	Gladys Homfrey
Lady Kitty Preston	Peggy Kurton
Mimi Skeats	Gertrude Laarhoven
The Hon. Baby Vereker	Doris Stocker
Avice Carlton	Grace Riopelle
Yvette la Plage	Adrah Fair
Lil Vincent	Barbara Dunbar
Irene Goodson	Mabel Twemlow
Alice	Gipsy O'Brien
June	Emmy Wehlen

Reports from England to the contrary notwithstanding, all the pretty girls in London did not go to the front as nurses. Messrs. Grossmith and Laurillard gathered together some fifty or sixty of the prettiest and brought them to these United States to appear in the chorus of "Tonight's the Night," an exceedingly English musical comedy, which made its New York bow at the Shubert Theatre last night. The girls—there was a real Duchess or a Lady or something of the sort in the collection, according to the programme—were the chief features of the new entertainment, although there were other features which pleased. Whenever the fun lagged, which it did every once in a while, the half hundred or so young women came dancing on, and then every one in the audience beamed with joy.

The titled member of the chorus was, to quote the bill of the play, the Hon. Helen Cecil Douglas-Scott-Montague, and the critics were reliably informed that she was the daughter of Lord somebody or other in London, and that she is only over here for a lark. It may be that the Hon. Helen Cecil, &c., &c., is quite distinguished looking, but at no time last night did she have a line to speak as long as her name, and the big Christmas Eve audience never really found out which one she was, for it would have taken more than a distinguished air and a title to make her stand out in that crowd of wonderful young women.

And the beauty was not all confined to the ranks of the chorus by any means. Dainty little Emmy Wehlen has has come back to America with this piece, and last night, surrounded as she was by pretty girls, she looked prettier and more charming than ever. Then there was Fay Compton, a newcomer, and Madge Saunders, another stranger, and Gipsy O'Brien, and while "Chin Chin" and "Watch Your Step" and "The Only Girl" would have nothing much to fear from this latest English invasion, so far as book and music are concerned, if the English producers had been content to bring over only a moderately pretty lot of girls they must look to their laurels in the beauty line

Of course there were other things in "Tonight's the Night" besides girls. George Grossmith was there and so were James Blakeley and Maurice Farkoa. The latter lacked a really good song to show off his voice to advantage, but he had one laughing number which scored, and Grossmith and Blakeley were always amusing. Robert Nainby made a funny head waiter at Covent Garden, and Lauri De Frece was mildly entertaining in a juvenile rôle.

The story of "Tonight's the Night" is the story of the old farce, "Pink Dominoes," which has been done over for this occasion by Fred Thompson, who is no relation to Fred Thompson of Luna Park fame, and the music has been supplied by Paul Rubens.

There are two acts. The first is in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Carraway at Maidenhead and the second act, which is in three scenes, takes place in the foyer of the boxes at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden Market, and the flat of Daisy de Monthe of the Piccadilly Theatre. The scenes are all well done and the piece moves along swiftly and reasonably tunefully, but after all the girls are the things which count in "Tonight's The Night," and these English young women would carry almost any show along to success even in these perilous times of the theatre.

After the play was over the curtain was raised again, and in the centre of the stage was a tall Christmas tree which was topped by English and American flags, and the big company joined hands and danced around it singing "Should Old Acquaintance be Forgot." After that George Grossmith made a little speech, and gifts from the tree were tossed out into the audience.

WANTS NATION OF SOLDIERS.

Col. Heistand, U. S. A., Advocates Compulsory Army Service.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Military service during the youth of every male citizen of the United States was proposed tonight as a means for providing a reserve army by Col. H. O. S. Heistand, Adjutant General of the Central Department of the army, in an address here.

Col. Heistand said the United States was totally unprepared for war because the regular army and the National Guard were inadequate. He said false history had been taught, and that the wars against Mexico and Spain were the only ones the United States had won. He added that the United States never really whipped a foeman worthy of our steel.

"If at this minute," he said, "every one of the 90,000 regular soldiers in the United States, cavalry, infantry, coast and field artillery, were assembled in New York City there would not be enough men to man the guns there on a war footing.

"And if every one of the 112,000 National Guardsmen were assembled in New York City, there would not be enough to protect those guns from attack. Those guns as they are now situated, are a greater menace to New York than a protection, because all a foe would have to do would be to turn them around, and point them at New York City and begin firing.

"For the purpose of defense I would have every male citizen of the United States in the early period of his life give a sufficient time to the United States to qualify himself in the essentials of a soldier. I would have him learn how to shoot and how to march. I would have him learn how to take care of himself in the field, how to pitch and roll his tent, how to ride a horse, how to cook and take care of his health, and above all, learn to submit his will to that of his commander. And I would have him do that with very small pay."

Elena Gerhardt Arrives.

Miss Elena Gerhardt, the German soprano, arrived yesterday from Rotterdam on the Holland-America liner Ryndam for an extended concert tour of the United States. She will give her first concert in Philadelphia with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 8, and a song recital at Carnegie Hall on Jan. 16. Before leaving Germany Miss Gerhardt gave two concerts in Leipsic which realized $4,500 for the widows and orphans of the war.

Passengers from Rotterdam.

Some of the passengers who arrived yesterday from Rotterdam on the Ryndam were:

M. R. C. Alderden, Miss L. M. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bossard, Gregory Gasper, H. F. Hahn, Miss R. L. Holman, Congressman Herman A. Metz, John Monow, Miss Lily Barr, A. Schilling, Thomas Abercrombie, Miss G. Abercrombie, Mrs. F. W. Ehlers, and L. S. Lem.

CENTURY OPERA TO CLOSE.

Its Chicago Season Unprofitable—Guarantee Fund Exhausted.

Special to The New York Times.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—After a struggle of several weeks against lack of public interest, the Century Opera Company of New York, which is giving opera in English here, has decided to suspend operations and give the last performance on Saturday night, Jan. 2. The announcement was made yesterday.

"The capital share and guarantee fund have been exhausted," said Milton and Sargent Aborn, General Managers of the company, "and existing conditions make it hardly justifiable to ask for more."

Engagements in three Eastern cities, which were to have followed the close of the eight weeks' season here, have been canceled, it was said. Members of the company numbered well over a hundred.

While the critics hailed the performances of the company as of considerable artistic worth and the genuine lovers of opera have supported the productions in a fairly liberal manner, the social patronage and all it implies, which made the season of the Chicago Grand Opera Company possible, have not been forthcoming for the "opera in English" organization. The Auditorium seats nearly 4,000, and there have been performances at which few more than 500 were in attendance.

News that the Century Company had suspended was not received with surprise in musical circles in New York, because indications have not been wanting that the organization was in financial straits. The resignation of Otto H. Kahn as Chairman of the Board of Directors last Monday removed one of the principal backers of the institution, and suggested that its future fate had been put into the hands of that element of the directorate which was associated with the movement through the City Club.

Charles H. Strong, President of the City Club, and for the last season President of the Century Opera Company, said yesterday that while the Century Company was done for the present, undoubtedly a vigorous attempt would be made to revive it next season by raising a guarantee fund of $50,000 a year for three years. As a matter of fact it will be necessary for the Directors to raise only half of this guarantee, as Otto H. Kahn in his letter of resignation offered to duplicate subscriptions made for such a fund. The Directors here believe there will be no liabilities but contracts with the artists, if their contracts for salaries constitute obligations after the exhaustion of the guarantee fund.

Give Gold Miners $50,000 in Gold.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 24.—Fifty thousand dollars in gold was distributed among employes of gold mining companies located here and in the Cripple Creek district today. The donations were made on a graduated scale of $5 up to $50.

Granville Barker at Wallack's.

Under the direction of Granville Barker, the English actor and stage director, the Stage Society of New York will commence a répertoire season at Wallack's Theatre about Jan. 15.

John Truslow.

John Truslow, a retired stove manufacturer and long active in the civic and church work of Brooklyn, died yesterday of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Dickinson, 168 Clinton Street. Mr. Truslow was born in this city in 1827, and was a son of Thomas Truslow, a former Assemblyman. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1848, and several years later he was appointed President of the Board of Assessors, a post which he held for sixteen years. Mr. Truslow was one of the leaders of the Old Clove Road Methodist Church and an organizer of the New York Avenue Methodist Church. He was Vice President of the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, a Director of the Mechanics' Bank, the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, the American Bible Society, the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, and the Brooklyn Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor. He was also a Vice President and a Director of the Nassau Trust Company before it was merged with the Mechanics' Bank. Besides his daughter, he is survived by two sons, Arthur and Dr. Walter Truslow.

Prof. Alfred Fournier Dies in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The death was announced today of Prof. Alfred Fournier, a member of the French Academy of Medicine. He was born in 1832.

Prof. Fournier was a Commander of the Legion of Honor, a visiting physician of the Paris hospitals, a Professor of the Medical Faculty af Paris, and a member of the Academy of Medicine. Prof. Fournier was a graduate of the Charlemagne Lyceum. He was President of the French Dermatological Society and the President and founder of the Society of Prophylactic Sanitation. Prof. Fournier wrote a number of books on blood disease and its treatment which are used as textbooks of practice in the hospitals of France.

Michael Glen Cunniff.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Michael Glen Cunniff. President of the Arizona State Senate and a former private secretary of Alton B. Parker, died here tonight. He was born in Boston and was 39 years old. Mr. Cunniff was graduated from Harvard in 1898, and had been an instructor in English at that university. He had been managing editor of the magazine World's Work and was President of the Commonwealth Exploration Company. Mr. Cunniff was alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1900, a member of the Arizona Constitutional Convention in 1910, and Commissioner from Arizona to confer on uniform State laws. He was a member of the Arizona Archeological Society and the Arizona Harvard Club.

Giles S. Allison.

Special to The New York Times.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Giles S. Allison, President of a railway supply company and head of a chemical concern with offices at 42 Broadway, New York, died here tonight at the home of his brother, James W. Allison, President of the Eldred Window Glass Manufacturing Company. Mr. Allison was 66 years old. He retired from active business last July because of ill health and came to St. Louis to recuperate. Mr. Allison was born in Mexico, Mo., and his family had been prominent in Central Missouri for years.

James T. Bates Dies in Geneva.

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—James T. Bates of New York, founder of the Union Bank and the Geneva daily newspaper La Tribune, died here today.

Obituary Notes.

Mrs. MARIAM COSTIKYAN, widow of Dr. Hogap Costikyan of Chicago and mother of Lemuel and P. H. Costikyan, rug merchants of this city, died Tuesday at her home, 51 Hamilton Place, aged 63 years.

ELY C. GRAY, a member of the coal firm of Powell & Titus, Inc., of Brooklyn, died yesterday at his residence, 49 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, in his 79th year. Mr. Gray was born in Poultney, Vt. He is survived by a son, Dr. R. C. Gray.

Mrs. PHILIP CORELL, wife of a Brooklyn coal dealer, died at her home, 192 Washington Avenue, that borough, on Wednesday. She was born in Germany sixty-four years ago and left, besides her husband, two daughters.

Mrs. MARTHA MACDONALD, born in Scotland eighty-two years ago and widow of Daniel Macdonald, died yesterday at her home, 344 Macon Street, Brooklyn. She was an old-time member of the Central Congregational Church.

FRANK V. CABLE, who was a member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1911, died at his home in Harwinton on Wednesday. He was 52 years old and a native of Brooklyn.

ISRAEL JAFFIN, a retired merchant, died yesterday at his home, 88 Bright Street, Jersey City, in his eighty-eighth year. He was born in Russia, and came to this country twenty-eight years ago. Mr. Jaffin is survived by a son and three daughters.

James A. Morgan, 69 years old, a Councilman of East Rutherford, N. J., died of apoplexy at the home of Mayor Charles Cooper, where he had been attending a conference. Mr. Morgan was a native of this city and a veteran of the civil war. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and four daughters.

JOHN MUIR, AGED NATURALIST, DEAD

"Guardian of the Yosemite" and Philosopher Dies of Pneumonia in California.

GEOLOGIST AND EXPLORER

Journeyed 1,000 Miles Up the Amazon at 73—Fought for Preservation of National Parks—His Books.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—John Muir, the naturalist, died in a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 76 years old. Mr. Muir was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Helen Muir Funk, at Daggett, a town in the desert of San Bernardino County. He was stricken with pneumonia last week. Doctors from Los Angeles were called into consultation Tuesday, and it was determined to bring him to this city for treatment. When he arrived here last night Mr. Muir was in a critical condition.

John Muir was best known to the general public as a great lover of nature, and was affectionately called the "Guardian of the Yosemite" and the "Naturalist of the Sierras," because of his love for the riotous wildness of nature in those parts of the West. But aside from being a naturalist—"more wonderful than Thoreau," according to his good friend Ralph Waldo Emerson—Mr. Muir was a geologist, an explorer, philosopher, artist, author, and editor, and to each of his avocations he devoted that deep insight and conscientious devotion which made him its master.

Some inkling of the man's greatness and versatility can be gleaned from a glance at the names of the lasting friends he made among the great men of the country. The most intimate of these included several Presidents, among them Taft, Roosevelt, and Woodrow Wilson, and with Thomas A. Edison and John Burroughs he was especially intimate. Like Burroughs, with whose name Muir's was often linked, he infused his own personality into his writings, which were characterized by a rare clearness of style, that the result assumed the aspect of literature more than mere scientific treatise.

Born in Dunbar, Scotland, on April 21, 1838, the son of Daniel and Anne Gilrye Muir, the youth who was destined to become one of the greatest thinkers of America came to this country when he was 11 years old, and the family plunged into the Wisconsin wilderness and took up the rough life of pioneers. The boy helped his father clear a space in the wilderness to call home, and while he was doing it worked out mathematical problems on chips of wood from the trees he had chopped, getting up long before daylight for this part of his daily routine. He schooled himself to get along with five hours of sleep a night to allow more time for his studies, and, using his pocket knife as his principal tool, carved intricate devices out of wood during his "spare time." This pastime produced results. He invented, for home use, a device for feeding horses, a barometer, a thermometer made entirely of wood, which registered heat and cold by expansion and contraction; safety locks, and a number of other practical appliances. In 1860 he was induced by neighbors to exhibit his devices at the Wisconsin State Fair, and they attracted so much attention that he accepted the advice of friends and entered the University of Wisconsin to pursue his studies. He worked his way through the university by teaching, and at times working in the fields at harvest time.

Possibly it was a narrow escape from the loss of eyesight in one eye, the result of an accident which happened shortly after he left the university, that brought John Muir to realize how deeply he loved nature and set him off on the career that won him fame. Speaking of the accident in 1867, Muir said:

"I felt neither pain nor faintness, the thought was so tremendous that my right eye was gone—that I should never look at a flower again." Then he set out on a long tramp to live as close to nature as possible while recuperating, and took along a few books of poetry and a plant press. He wandered leisurely through parts of half a dozen States before he contracted a serious fever and started on a vacation by way of Panama, with California as the objective point. He reached San Francisco in 1868, practically penniless, and again began to walk. The journey took him to the "glorious Yosemite" for the first time.

"I came to life in the cool winds and the crystal waters of the mountains," he wrote, "and were it not for a thought now and then of loneliness and isolation the pleasure of my existence would be complete." He intended to remain in the Sierras eight or nine months, he said, when he arrived there, but he never left them again to remain away for long. It was to the Sierras that he returned after each of his trips, which took him to nearly all parts of the world, and on one of which he discovered the glacier in Alaska that was christened "Muir Glacier" in his honor.

In 1880 the naturalist, whose work was already attracting wide attention, married Miss Louise Strentzel, the daughter of a Polish physician who was a refugee from his own country and had settled in the West. Four years previous to his marriage he had joined the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey to improve his knowledge of lands beyond his dear Sierras, and it was while thus employed that he traveled thousands of miles in Alaska. In 1881, then familiar with life in the Far North, he went in search of De Long and the lost Jeannette as a member of the Corwin expedition, and while on the trip studied glacier formations in the Bering Sea and along the coast of Sibera. Later, in 1893, he went to Norway and Switzerland to compare the glacial formations there with the ones he was familiar with. Soon in magazine articles he advanced theories regarding the Yosemite glacial formations which were considered radical, as they conflicted with theories that had been advanced by earlier scientists. Later, all agreed that he was right and that the earlier scientists had been in error.

Between 1880 and 1890 Muir stole enough time from his scientific investigations to wage a fight for the preservation of national parks in the United States. In 1889 he wrote a series of articles urging that a national reserve be created about Yosemite. In 1890 the reserve was created. His literary output began to increase rapidly after this fight, but it was a number of years later that he began to produce the books for which he is best known. Institutions of learning began to shower honors on the nature lover; Havard conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts on him in 1896, the University of Wisconsin followed in 1897 with the LL. D. degree, and the same degree was conferred by the University of California a little more than a year ago. Yale in 1911 conferred the degree of Doctor of Literature upon him. He became a member of the Washington Academy of Science, President of the Sierra Club, a member of the American Alpine Club, of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Since the appearance of Muir's "Story of My Boyhood and Youth," in 1913, little from his pen has appeared in print. His most noteworthy works were: "The Mountains of California," published in 1894; "Our National Parks," 1901; "Stickeen, the Story of a Dog," 1909; "My First Summer in the Sierra," 1911, and "The Yosemite," 1912. Besides these he was the author of about 150 articles published in magazines and newspapers dealing with the physiography of the Pacific Coast and Alaska, natural history, and similar subjects. He was the editor of Picturesque California.

The last of Muir's long jaunts into strange corners of the earth was in 1911 and early 1912, when, at the age of 73, he journeyed for a thousand miles up the Amazon in South America, devoting a year to study of rare trees, plants, and land formations, and returned feeling amply repaid for his strenuous trip by the fact that he had found rock formations of the leaves of the ancient araucaria tree in Brazil. In an interview in THE TIMES after his return he described South America as the future paradise for mankind.

After returning from South America the naturalist made his home in Martinez, Cal., until his last illness.

CAPT. E. A. DES MARETS DIES

Organizer of Movement for Flag Day Expires in Washington.

Capt. Ernest A. Des Marets, appointed a delegate to the Deeper Waterways Convention at Washington by Gov. Glynn, died on Tuesday in the Providence Hospital in that city in his seventy-third year. He was struck by an automobile in saving a boy from being run over and received injuries which indirectly caused his death.

Capt. Des Marets was born in New Orleans and was brought by his parents to this city while still a child. After being graduated from the Ravenswood School on Long Island, he entered the optical firm of the late Samuel Pike. Later he was connected with the banking firm of Col. O. D. Ashley, and became a member of the New York Stock Exchange. At the outbreak of the civil war he joined the Thirty-seventh New York Volunteers, and after the war was connected with the Seventy-first Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and was a member of its Veteran Association.

He lived in College Point and took an interest in Long Island civic affairs, and was a life member of the Long Island Historical Society. Capt. Des Marets became prominent when he started a movement to have June 14, Flag Day, declared a national holiday.

Luther Livingston.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Luther Livingston, an expert in rare books, and librarian of the Widener Collection at the Harvard Library, died today in his 51st year. Until a year and a half ago he was a partner with Dodd, Mead & Co., now R. H. Dodd & Co. of Fourth Avenue and Thirtieth Street, New York City. He joined the firm more than twenty years ago and retired when his health failed. Mr. Livingston had lived all his life in New York, previous to his coming to this city. He is survived by his widow.

Mrs. Max B. May.

Special to The New York Times.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The wife of Common Pleas Judge Max B. May of this city died today. Judge May is a grandson of the late Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise of Cincinnati.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
Madison Av. at 44th St.
The Rev. LEIGHTON PARKS, D. D., Rector.
CHRISTMAS DAY:
Holy Communion at 8 A. M.
Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M.
The Rector will preach.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION,
Madison Av. and 35th St.
Rev. C. H. ROBBINS, Rector.
Christmas Day, 8 and 10 A. M. Holy Communion, 11 A. M. Morning Prayer, Sermon, Rector. Holy Communion.

THE MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH.
2d Av. and 7th St.
Rev. JOHN G. FAGG, D. D., Minister.
Service on Christmas Day at 10:30 A. M.
Address by Dr. Fagg.

THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH.
5th Av. and 29th St.
Rev. DAVID JAS. BURRELL, D.D., Minister.
Service on Christmas Day at 11 A. M.
Address by Dr. Burrell.
Special Music.

THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
5th Av. and 48th St.
Rev. MALCOLM JAS. MACLEOD, D. D., Minister.
Service on Christmas Day at 11 A. M.
Dr. MacLeod will preach.

THE WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH.
West End Av. and 77th St.
Rev. HENRY EVERTSON COBB, D. D., Minister.
Service on Christmas Day at 11 A. M.
Dr. Cobb will preach.
Special Music.

Marriage and death notices intended for insertion in The New York Times may be telephoned to 1000 Bryant.

Engaged.

ELKINS—DAVIS.—Lavinia E. Davis of Elmhurst, L. I., to Edwin E. Elkins of Kingsbridge, N. Y.

BARLOW—ARENTS.—Nadine E. Arents to Henry M. Barlow.

LEVITT—SCHINOFSKY.—Sarah Schinofsky to Maurice Levitt.

Married.

GOLDMARK—ROSE.—Thursday, Dec. 24, by the Rev. Merle St. Croix Wright, Alice Elinor, daughter of Mrs. Carl L. Rose, to Herbert Goldmark of New York City.

Brooklyn.

ANSORGE—DONOVAN.—Dec. 23, Elizabeth Donovan to Martin Ansorge.

Jersey City and Newark.

ARMSTRONG—HOWETH.—Dec. 19, Jersey City, Lennie Howeth to Frederick Armstrong.

SIMMONS—OWEN.—Dec. 23, Newark, Mary J. Owen to Moses E. Simmons.

Long Island.

EDWARDS—WOODBURN.—Dec. 29, Southampton, Bessie M. Woodburn to Newton F. Edwards.

Died.

ARGUIMBAU.—On Dec. 24, at Hackensack, N. J., Joseph L., beloved husband of Elsie C. Arguimbau. Notice of funeral later. Kindly omit flowers.

BIRMINGHAM.—Mark, on Dec. 23, in his eighty-eighth year. Funeral services at his late residence, 130 West 57th St., on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 10 A. M. San Francisco papers please copy.

BLISS.—In Munich, Germany, after a short illness, Enid, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. P. Bliss of New York and West Orange, N. J.

BROWN.—On Dec. 23, George Brown, beloved husband of Addie Brown, nee Hoyt. Funeral services at his late residence, 126 West 96th St., on Saturday evening, Dec. 26, at 8 o'clock.

CLARK.—On Dec. 21, Sarah Gardner Clark, in her 84th year. Funeral services at Chapel of the Home, 104th St. and Amsterdam Av., on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 11 A. M.

CONNELL.—Thursday, Dec. 24, 1914, Chauncey Kerr, dearly beloved son of Hugh Jay and Jennie Thomas Connell and husband of Irène Lowther Ward, in his 43d year. Services Saturday evening, Dec. 26, at 8:30 o'clock, at 611 West 114th St. Boston and Albany papers please copy.

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COOKE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1914, John T. Cooke. Funeral services to be held at his late residence, 9 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 3 P. M.

DAVENPORT.—At Somerville, N. J., at the residence of her son, William W. Davenport, on Thursday, Dec. 24, 1914, Frances M., widow of the late Thomas Davenport, in her 89th year. Funeral private on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1914. Jersey City papers please copy.

DES MARETS.—At Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., Tuesday afternoon, Capt. Ernest A. Des Marets of College Point, L. I. Services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 26, at the First Baptist Church, Sanford Av., Flushing, L. I., at 12 noon. Train leaves Pennsylvania Station, 33d St., N. Y. City, at 11:17 A. M., for Main St. station, Flushing. Members of George Washington Post, 103; St. Nicholas Lodge, 321, F. and A. M.; Seventy-first Regiment Veteran Association, and Army and Navy Club, cordially invited to attend.

DEUBERT.—On Wednesday, in her 26th year, Emma Lillian, beloved daughter of Jacob and Bertha Emma Deubert. Funeral services Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of her parents, 465 East 159th St. Funeral from above address, Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2 P. M. Relatives and friends invited.

DONOVAN.—On Dec. 22, John, beloved son of Joseph and Sarah Donovan. Funeral from his late residence, 420 East 141st St., on Saturday, at 9:30 A. M., thence to St. Pius's Church, where a solemn mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul.

DUGAN.—On Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1914, at 800 Macon St., Brooklyn, Mary Kyle Dugan, beloved wife of Patrick J. Dugan, in her 52d year. Solemn requiem mass at 10 A. M., Saturday, Dec. 26, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Putnam and Ralph Avs., Brooklyn. Interment at Dover, N. J., Dec. 26.

FEICK.—Suddenly, Dec. 24, 1914, John Jacob Feick, beloved husband of Christine Feick, aged 53 years. Funeral from his late residence, 371 West 117th St., Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 P. M.

HAYDEN.—On the 23d inst., Mary Emma, beloved mother of Joseph W. Hayden and the late John W. Hayden, aged 68 years. Funeral services at her late residence, 1,913 Benson Av., Bath Beach, Brooklyn, on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 8 P. M.

JAFFIN.—Israel, 88 Bright St., age 87, died Sunday, Dec. 20, Jersey City, N. J.

JOHNSTON.—On Dec. 23d, 1914, of pneumonia, at Williams College Infirmary, Alexander Hutchins, son of George and Marion Hutchins Johnston, aged 20 years. Funeral at Rochester, N. Y.

KELLOGG.—Suddenly, at Skaneateles, N. Y., Ellen Maria Cole, widow of Daniel Kellogg, in the 94th year of her age. Funeral services at Skaneateles, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1914.

LANMAN.—Suddenly, on Dec. 24, 1914, at her residence, 89 North Grove St., East Orange, N. J., in the 77th year of her age, Susan Harmar Lanman, youngest and last surviving child of Charles James and Marie Gail Lanman. Funeral at Norwich, Conn., on Monday, Dec. 28, at noon.

LASSEN.—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1914, Louisa Lassen, widow of the late Christian Lassen. Funeral from her late residence, 162 Clermont Av., Brooklyn, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, 1914, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

LEE.—Dec. 24, Theodore Van Wyck Lee, in his 74th year, son of the late Robert P. Lee, D. D., at 190 Wadsworth Av. Funeral private.

LEVY.—On Wednesday, the 23d, after a short illness, Sarah L. Levy, beloved wife of Samuel H. and mother of William L. Levy. Funeral from her late residence, 46 West 76th St., Friday morning, Dec. 25, at 10 o'clock. Albany papers please copy.

LIVINGSTON.—At his home in Cambridge, Mass., Luther S. Livingston, on the morning of Dec. 24.

McCOUN.—On Thursday, Dec. 24, 1914, Frederic H. McCoun, beloved husband of Mary E. McCoun, in his 59th year. Notice of funeral hereafter.

McNAMARA.—On Dec. 22, suddenly, Mary McNamara, (nee Roemer,) beloved wife of Bernard McNamara and daughter of John Roemer, at her residence, 470 West 165th St. Funeral Saturday, Dec. 26, at 9 A. M., thence to Church of St. Rose of Lima, where a mass will be offered for her soul.

MORRIS.—At Amityville, L. I., Dec. 23, after a long illness, Egbert Morris, son of the late James T. and Susan Morris, aged 72. Funeral on Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at his late residence, Amityville.

PERRY.—On Thursday, Dec. 24, after a brief illness, Albert Loring Perry, husband of Adele Marshall. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 815 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 3:30 o'clock.

POWERS.—On Dec. 22, Phillip J., beloved husband of Mary Powers and brother of Annie Welsh. Funeral from his late residence, 11 Manhattan St., Saturday morning, 9:30 A. M.; thence to St. Joseph's Church, 125th St., where a requiem mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Interment at St. Raymond's Cemetery.

PURDY.—Suddenly, William Pruslow, beloved husband of Bel Buchanan Purdy and son of the late James S. and Anna E. Secor Purdy. Funeral services at St. James M. E. Church, Madison Av. and 126th St., Sunday, Dec. 27, 1914, at 2 o'clock P. M.

RAY.—At Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 23, 1914, John H. Ray, aged 72 years. Funeral services at Methodist Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 3 P. M. Automobile cortege.

ROGERS.—Suddenly, on Dec. 22, at New Haven, Conn., in his 24th year, Edward Pierce Rogers, member of senior class, Yale University. Funeral service 2 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 26, at 301 Orchard St., New Haven, Conn.

ROWE.—On Thursday, Dec. 24, at her late residence, Highwood, N. J., Mary J. Rowe, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Rowe of Barbados, West Indies. Funeral services at Greenwood Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 P. M. Kindly omit flowers.

SIMPSON.—Suddenly, Dec. 23, Emma Lathers, wife of Matthew Verner Simpson. Funeral Saturday, 11 o'clock, 3720 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn. Interment private.

SORENSEN.—On Dec. 19, 1914, Otto Sorensen, aged 44 years, beloved husband of Johane Sorensen. Services Woodlawn Cemetery, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, 1914, 2 o'clock.

TRUSLOW.—John, on Dec. 24, of pneumonia, in his 88th year, at 168 Clinton St., Brooklyn. Services and interment at the convenience of the family.

WHITLOCK.—Suddenly, at Atlantic City, Dec. 24, Caroline Palmyra Whitlock, daughter of late John W. and Elizabeth White Whitlock. Notice of funeral hereafter.

WILLIAMS.—Sherman M. Williams, father of Sarah P. and Fred. A. Williams, at Kissimee, Fla., on Dec. 23, 1914.

BOESSMANN.—Herman H., 519 West 135th St., Dec. 23, aged 68. Funeral tomorrow, 10 A. M.

BROWN.—Carrie, 300 West 129th St., Dec. 23, aged 42.

CHASE.—Barbara, 232 East 95th St., Dec. 23. Funeral today, 2 P. M.

DARLING.—Charles W., 1,515 3d Av., Dec. 23, aged 39.

DOYLE.—Bridget, 968 Boston Road, Bronx, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 1 P. M.

ENRIGHT.—James J., 273 West 136th St., Dec. 23. Funeral today, 1:30 P. M.

FAULKNER.—Mary, 200 East 114th St., Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 8 A. M.

HARRIGAN.—Dennis, 401 West 52d St., Dec. 22. Funeral today, 1:30 P. M.

JACKSON.—John, 587 East 136th St., Dec. 22, aged 1.

KELLY.—John, Gouverneur Hospital, Dec 23.

KNABE.—Henry, 306 West 98th St., Dec. 23. Funeral notice later.

LEWIS.—Bernard, 441 East 74th St., Dec. 22.

McVEIGH.—Johanna, 143 Greenwich St., Dec. 22. Funeral today, 2 P. M.

MARTINEZ.—Anna V., 308 West 151st St., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 11 A. M.

MEEHAN.—Augustus, 14 East 106th St., Dec. 23. Funeral notice later.

MORRISEY.—Mary, 302 West 149th St., Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

NATHAN.—Madeline, 144 West 11th St., Dec. 23. Funeral today, 10 A. M.

O'LEARY.—Ella, 34 Amsterdam Av., Dec. 22. Funeral today, 10 A. M.

O'NEILL.—George, 502 East 89th St., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

Died.

REGAN.—John, 164 East 103d St., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

ROCHE.—James, 547 10th Av., Dec. 22.

SMITH.—Eleanor, 2,192 8th Av., Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 1 P. M.

STEUSSING.—Mildred, 132 West 165th St., Dec. 22.

STEWART.—William, 36 Amsterdam Av., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 1:30 P. M.

Brooklyn.

BATES.—John, 1,714 St. John's Place, Dec. 23, aged 77. Funeral Dec. 27, 2 P. M.

BOLTON.—Lydia A., 153 Richards St., Dec. 23. Funeral Dec. 27.

BRENNAN.—John J., 90 2d Place, Dec. 23. Funeral Dec. 28.

CANNON.—Christopher, 206 Bedford Av., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

CARPENTER.—Emma E., 231 Macon St., Dec. 22.

CORELL.—Margaretha, 192 Washington Av., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

GRAY.—Eli C., 49 Fort Greene Place, Dec. 24, aged 24. Funeral service tomorrow.

HENDRICKSON.—Amanda, 413 39th St., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

KELLY.—Patrick, 163 Warren St., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

KONOW.—William A., 256 Hamburg Av., Dec. 23, aged 66. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

MACDONALD.—Martha, 344 Macon St., Dec. 24. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

McMANUS.—James A., 131 St. Edward's St., Dec. 23. Funeral Dec. 27, 2 P. M.

MARQUIS.—Edward L., 1,876 Broadway, Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

MUELLER.—Frank, 92 Rapelye St., Dec. 22, aged 60

MUMPETON.—John H., 178 Cooper St., Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

NEIPER.—Barbara, 108 Floyd St., Dec. 22, aged 80.

PAPE.—Anna, 285 Grant Av., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

REILLY.—Francis, 24 North Oxford St., Dec. 22.

ROLLASON.—Isaac, 355 Marion St., Dec. 24, aged 34.

RYAN.—William J., 266 60th St., Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

SMITH.—Bridget, 193 State St., Dec. 24. Funeral tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

STOECKEL.—Frederick, 1,005 Halsey St., Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

TEICHMAN.—Bertram, 130 Rutland Road, Dec. 22. Funeral today, 11 A. M.

TRUSLOW.—John, 168 Clinton St., Dec. 24, aged 88.

WINNEGAR.—Joseph, Conklin Av., Canarsie, Dec. 22, aged 23.

Hoboken, Jersey City, and Newark.

ALEXANDER.—Marian R., 582 Jersey Av., Jersey City, Dec. 23. Funeral today, 2 P. M.

BAUER.—Frederick J., 248 Bergen St., Newark, Dec. 23, aged 47. Funeral tomorrow.

BILBER.—Bertha, Newark, Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

BOOTH.—C. F., 386 Washington Av., Newark, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow.

BRILL.—Thomas, 76 Garden St., Hoboken, Dec. 22.

DILLON.—Johanna, 450 2d St., Hoboken, Dec. 22.

DIRIGO.—Hannah G. H., 829 Communipaw Av., Jersey City, Dec. 23.

FLEMING.—Mary, 77 Pacific St., Newark, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 8 A. M.

HAYDEN.—Mary, 51½ Cottage St., Jersey City, Dec. 24.

KREIMAR.—Theodore, West Hoboken, Dec. 22, aged 32.

KUNTZ.—George, 110 Oak St., Jersey City, Dec. 23. Funeral Dec. 28.

MURPHY.—James, 809 West Side Av., Jersey City, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 9 A. M.

NEVIUS.—Hannah, 220 Plane St., Newark, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

OTTO.—William, 59 Winans Av., Newark, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 1 P. M.

OYER.—Jennie, 128 Beach St., Jersey City, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 9 A. M.

PULLIS.—Elizabeth, Jersey City, Dec. 24. Funeral tomorow, 2 P. M.

SMITH.—Edna S., 851 Newark Av., Jersey City, Dec. 22, aged 1.

SWEENEY.—Mary A., Jersey City, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 9 A. M.

WALPER.—John, Hoboken, Dec. 22.

WALSH.—Daniel S., 255 Walnut St., Newark, Dec. 23.

WEEKS.—Hannah R., 41 Gray St., Newark, Dec. 23, aged 91. Funeral tomorrow, 1:30 P. M.

WEISS.—Catherine, 156 Lexington Av., Jersey City, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow.

WERNSING.—Frederick, 242 Bay St., Jersey City, Dec 23.

WINTERMUTE.—Frank I., Newark, Dec. 23. Funeral tomorrow, 2 P. M.

WRIGHT.—Virginia M., 222 Peshine Av., Newark, Dec. 22, aged 8 months.

Long Island.

BERNAUER.—Constantine, Hollis, Dec. 22, aged 34

BLOOM.—Davis, Rockaway Beach, Dec. 22, aged 72.

BRANDMEIER.—Agnes, Ridgewood, Dec. 22, aged 45.

CLANCY.—Edward, Astoria, Dec. 22, aged 59.

COGGER.—Julia Y., Woodhaven, Dec. 21, aged 40.

COMBS.—Oliver D., Sea Cliff, Dec. 22.

CONDEON.—William, 710 Vernon Av., Long Island City, Dec. 22, aged 47.

DONNELL.—Charles, Woodhaven, Dec. 21, aged 19.

EID.—Mary, Woodhaven, Dec. 22, aged 43.

ELMERS.—Henry, Rockaway Beach, Dec. 21, aged 70.

EMBACH.—Christina, Ridgewood, Dec. 22, aged 73.

FALCO.—Anton, Richmond Hill, Dec. 22, aged 5.

FALCONER.—Jonathan, Bayside, Dec. 22, aged 87.

FICKEN.—James A., Springfield, Dec. 22, aged 62.

FISCHER.—John W., Evergreen, Dec. 22, aged 52.

FRASER.—Robert L., Rockaway, Dec. 22. Funeral tomorow, noon.

GILMORE.—Joseph, Long Island City, Dec. 22, aged 30.

JOHNS.—William, Jamaica, Dec. 22. Funeral tomorrow, 11 A. M.

KLUGE.—Oswald, Ridgewood, Dec. 22, aged 63.

LARKIN.—Peter A., Rockaway Beach, Dec. 21, aged 5.

LEAVY.—Patrick, Woodhaven, Dec. 22, aged 56.

LEIBACHER.—Gottlieb, Woodhaven, Dec. 22, aged 61.

McLEAN.—Anna M., Flushing, Dec. 22, aged 83.

MICHAEL.—Frederick, 249 9th Av., Long Island City, Dec. 22, aged 84.

NEWMANN.—Charles, Glendale, Dec. 22, aged 51.

PARSONS.—Edward S., Islip, Dec. 22.

PAWLOWICH.—Elizabeth, Corona, Dec. 22, aged 76.

PETROFF.—Emma, Maspeth, Dec. 22, aged 1 month.

SCHON.—Emily, Dunton, Dec. 21, aged 87.

SMITH.—Catherine, Jamaica, Dec. 21, aged 24.

SPERLING.—Virginia, College Point, Dec. 22, aged 5 months.

WILSON.—James P., 142 4th St., Long Island City, Dec. 22, aged 71.

Westchester County.

CAREY.—Gladys M., Ossining, Dec. 22, aged 18 months. Funeral today, 2:30 P. M.

In Memoriam.

FRICKE.—Henry C.; in sad and loving memory of my dear husband and our beloved father and grandfather, who departed this life Christmas morn, 1913. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

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KEOUGH.—Thomas F., in memory of, died Dec. 25, 1910.

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DEAL FOR YANKEES TAKES A HOLIDAY

Frank Farrell Goes Away and Negotiations Are Off for Several Days.

Another day has passed and the Yankees have not been sold. President Frank Farrell, who owns the club, and Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and Capt. T. L. Huston, who want to buy the Yankees, all stated last evening that there would be no effort to renew negotiations until after the holidays.

It was learned yesterday on good authority that the obstacle which is holding up the deal is the purchase price. Mr. Farrell, at the beginning, gave President Ban Johnson an option on the club which is said to have been $500,000.

Although it has been stated that President Johnson holds a certain interest in the New York Club in escrow, as he does in the other clubs in the American League, the fact has developed during the present negotiations that the New York Club is not controlled by President Johnson, like the other clubs in the league.

Johnson had Farrell's option on the club and submitted it to Col. Ruppert and Capt. Huston, and even went so far as discussing the matter, not only in this city but also at French Lick Springs, Ind., and at Chicago. Mr. Johnson did everything he could in the way of promises for players and coöperation to encourage the prospective buyers, but his negotiations were not entirely successful.

As the situation now stands, it is understood that President Johnson has surrendered the option to President Farrell, and that hereafter all dealings for the sale of the club will have to be carried on with Farrell. The Yankee owner yesterday was in a receptive mood and stated that he was willing to negotiate with the probable buyers. He said that he had named his price and that he was willing to talk business with them at any time. Following the deposit of the purchase price, said to be $500,000, Farrell stated that he would willingly turn over a clean bill of sale for the club.

Ruppert and Farrell have had no conference on the proposed sale, and as Farrell left the city last night to spend the Christmas holidays it is a certainty that the men will not meet to talk business for several days.

Capt. Huston is still hopeful that the deal will go through, as he says everything but the minor details have been decided upon.

It was significant yesterday that Bill Donovan, one of the men mentioned as a probable manager of the club, came over yesterday from Philadelphia, and met Capt. Huston for the first time. Donovan would say nothing about the rumor that he was to be manager. In fact he admitted that he had not discussed the matter with any one in authority. Donovan left the city last night, and in the meantime he had not conferred with Ruppert.

As the deal now stands, Farrell stated yesterday, it is in exactly the same position that it was three weeks ago. Farrell and Devery had a long talk at the New York Club's offices yesterday, but they would say nothing about what was discussed. The fact that Farrell has stated his price and that Ruppert and Huston have not accepted the proposition led many baseball men to believe that Farrell's price is considered by the prospective purchasers as being too high.

There was talk about the American League making up the difference between what the purchasers were willing to pay and what Farrell asked, but judging from the result of the Chicago conference it is believed that the other club owners were not willing to make up the difference. It is stated that the difference in the price between the parties is between $50,000 and $100,000.

CUBS STILL WANT GROH

But Garry Herrmann Says He Is Not for Sale or Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Another attempt to obtain the services of Heine Groh, second baseman of the Cincinnati Nationals, is to be made Monday, according to Charles Thomas, President of the Chicago Nationals. Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Chicago team, is to go to Cincinnati Monday to meet August Herrmann, owner, and Manager Herzog of the Cincinnati Club, and to negotiate a transfer of Groh to Chicago.

President Thomas said that Herrmann had reopened inquiries with a view to obtaining the services of Leach and Lavender of the Cubs. Thomas said that he was not averse to a trade and thought that either Daniels or Twombly of the Reds would strengthen the locals.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—"There is no trade in contemplation that would include Groh," said August Herrmann, President of the Cincinnati Baseball Club, here today when told of President Thomas's statement. "Chicago asked for waivers on several of their players, and I asked the Chicago Club what salaries they were getting. I likewise informed them that I did not necessarily want these players for the Cincinnati Club, and I hardly see where this action on my part could be construed as opening negotiations for Groh or any other Cincinnati player. I might add that Groh is not for sale or trade."

DONLIN WANTS A "JOB."

Offers His Services to St. Louis Federal League Club.

Special to The New York Times.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Mike Donlin wants to be a Federal Leaguer. With his unconditional release from the Giants in his pocket and his cane in his hand, Sir Mique applied for a job in the "outlaw league". to Phil Ball this afternoon. Mike would play in St. Louis, but the Terriers will need no more outfielders if the courts give them Marsans. Ball told Donlin that he would take the application up with President Gilmore at once. Donlin is anxious to sign as quickly as possible.

"I'm not through by a long ways," said Mike this afternoon. "They have mighty few southpaws in that league and I'll bet a suit of clothes I can get into the .850 batting circle with the Federals."

Baseball Panacea for War.

A Harvard alumnus, writing in The Harvard Alumni Weekly, gives an unusual tribute to baseball as a panacea for the war spirit in Europe. He says:

"My idea of the best cure for this war condition would be 'more baseball.' I believe that if they had had a regular baseball league in Europe with Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna, Antwerp, &c., participating, as well as a minor league taking in Belgrade, Brussels, and a few other such places, the fans would never have tolerated the breaking out of this war during the baseball season, and if they had postponed it until the world's series was over it would have given them all time to cool off, and they probably would not have had any war. They say that baseball has done more to civilize the Filipinos than the American army, constabularies, and missionaries put together."

Chifeds Sign New Catcher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Christ Emery of Valparaiso, Ind., signed a contract today to play next year with the Chicago Federals, according to official announcement, at the Federal League headquarters. Emery is a catcher and last year played in the North-Western League with the Austin (Minn.) club.

Nationals Defeat Americans.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 24.—The team of National League baseball players defeated the American League nine here today, 12 to 6. The runs, hits, and errors were: All-Nationals, 12, 14, 2; All-Americans, 6, 9, 2. Batteries: Alexander and Clarke; James and McAvoy.

MAGEE SOLD TO BRAVES.

Phillies Sell Outfielder to Prevent Him from Jumping to Feds.

Sherwood Nothingham Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia Club of the National League, was sold yesterday afternoon to the Boston Braves. The transaction took place in the office of James E. Gaffney, owner of the Braves, in the Metropolitan Tower. The terms of the sale were not announced, but it is understood that President Gaffney gave a good price for the slugger and will also give player Cathers as part of the deal.

Magee was sold because of the offer that the Federal League made to him. By going to Boston he is saved to organized ball. When he listened to the overtures of Manager Otto Knabe, manager of the Baltimore Club of the Federal League, he became dissatisfied with his berth with the Phillies and stated to President Baker at the last National League meeting in New York, that if he was not sold he would jump to the Feds. President Gaffney was very glad to get a man of Magee's ability. He will strengthen his outfield to such an extent that the Braves look stronger than ever.

Magee was pleased with the deal. He said: "At last I am with a pennant winer and with a world's champion club. You may be assured that I will play better ball in Boston than I have ever played in my life, because my ambition has been realized."

Magee was born in Clarendon, Penn., on Aug. 6, 1884. His first year in base ball was with the Allentown, Pa., club which played independent ball. In the following year he played with an independent club in Carlisle, Penn., and was signed by the Phillies in July of that year.

Magee's best year in the National League was in 1907 when he batted at a .328 clip and led the National League. Since that time he has never reached such a high mark, but he has been a very timely hitter and has driven in many more runs than players whose batting average has been higher. Magee has been dissatisfied in Philadelphia for the last few seasons and believes that a change would improve his merit both as an outfielder and batsmen.

KISSIMMEE SPURNS FEDS.

Florida Town Does Not Want Indianapolis Team to Train There.

The Indianapolis baseball club, winner of the Federal League pennant last year, is having a hard time securing training quarters for the Spring. J. Edward Krause, President of the club, recently announced a change in the club's plans for early training and stated that instead of fitting the Coliseum at the State Fair Grounds near Indianapolis with a heating plant, shower baths, and the other necessary apparatus, the Board of Directors of the club has decided it would be better to go South.

President Krause, who owns and occupies for a certain period of each year a plantation near Kissimmee, Fla., thought it would be a fine arrangement to take the Fed champs to that hamlet, and he communicated with the Chamber of Commerce there, but he was rudely disappointed when that organization refused to send any assurances that his champions would be welcome. Mr. Krause thought that he would be able to spend a few weeks at his plantation and at the same time keep a watchful eye on his ball tossers.

Kissimmee did not desire the publicity that would accompany the temporary location of a professional baseball club in its midst, and Mr. Krause is now trying to make arrangements at St. Petersburg or Jacksonville. Last year the St. Louis Browns trained at St. Petersburg, but picked Houston, Texas, as the training grounds this year, and the Hoosier President is trying to arrange a deal to take his club to that city this Spring.

POWDERHALL HANDICAP.

Donaldson and Applegarth to be on Scratch in Edinburgh Classic Race.

Although many of the best athletes in Great Britain are fighting under the colors, the entry list of the Powderhall New Year's handicap at Edinburgh has closed with a total entry of 151. Jack Donaldson and W. R. Applegarth are on scratch. The lowest handicap man is C. J. Mears of Australia, who has 5½ yards. W. R. Knox of Canada, who recently resigned as the British Olympic coach, has 11 yards, and Bombardier Wells, the boxer, has 11½ yards.

F. A. Lumley, the Powderhall promoter, has offered a prize of $250 for a 200-yard match race between Donaldson and Applegarth, which will be run during New Year's week, probably on Jan. 4. Applegarth is already on the books as the world's record holder for 200 yards, running the distance at Kensington Oval in 1912. His time was 19 2-5 seconds. The professional record is 19½, made by George Seward in 1847 and by J. Applet in 1876. Donaldson ran the "220" at Glasgow last year in 21 1-10 seconds, so when these two meet there is pretty sure to be a new record for the 200 yards.

Seawanhaka Y. C. Nominations.

Nominations for officers of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club for 1915 have been submitted by the Board of Trustees, to be voted for at the annual meeting of the club at the Holland House Tuesday, Jan. 12. Daniel Bacon of the yawl Folita has been named for Commodore, with Howard C. Smith and George Nichols Vice and Rear Commodores, respectively. Harold S. Vanderbilt is among the Trustees, class of 1918. The other nominations follow: Secretary—Charles Joseph Nourse; Treasurer—Alfred R. Whitney, Jr.; Measurer—Alexander M. Orr.; Trustees, class of 1918—Franklin A. Plummer, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Colgate Hoyt, Jr.; Race Committee—Colgate Hoyt, Jr., Chairman; Henry H. Landon, John Clinton Work, Victor I. Cumnock, Beverly R. Robinson, Secretary; Committee on Lines and Models—John Hyslop, Jonathan Thompson, John Clinton Work; Law Committee—Eliot Tuckerman, William A. W. Stewart, Gherardi Davis; Committee on Seamanship and Navigation—George M. Bodman, Arthur Curtiss James, William J. Matheson, Willis D. Wood.

Christmas at Sleepy Hollow C. C.

Special to The New York Times.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A large attendance of members and friends from New York City and Westchester County is expected at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club tomorrow. There will be sports of several kinds. The long toboggan slide will be in use for the first time this Winter, and skating on the lake and the flooded tennis courts is excellent. A special dinner will be served, and there will be music and dancing afternoon and evening.

Forsakes Football for Movies.

Ollie Moffett, the University of Pennsylvania half back, who was counted upon as one of the dependable players for next season's eleven, has left the university to join a moving-picture company on a tour of Alaska. He entered from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a gridiron star. Last season he was on the scrub team for the most part after having injured his right knee in the Washington and Jefferson game. This kept him out of the big games of the year. but he was counted on as one of the strong players for next season. In the few games in which he did play he showed excellent ground-gaining ability.

No "Pros" on Pittsburgh Eleven.

K. E. Davis, the graduate manager of athletics at the University of Pittsburgh, has come out with a denial of the insinuations that professionalism existed on the "Pitt" football team last Fall. Mr. Davis refutes the charges made that any of the players were spotted with the taint of money for playing football. The charge was made by a writer in Outing a few weeks ago. Manager Davis gives the record of each player on the team, which shows that every player on the eleven during the past season was eligible.

Coach Siegrest Gets Silver Cup.

"Big Bill" Siegrest, who has been coach of the Poly Prep football eleven for the past several years, was presented with a silver cup by the members of the football team yesterday afternoon in appreciation of his efforts for the success of the eleven. The presentation speech was made by Capt. George Quinn of the eleven at a Christmas entertainment held at the school.

Gershel Beats Appleby with Cue.

Edgar S. Appleby, the Columbia student, who has gained an enviable reputation as an amateur billiardist, lost a close game to William Gershel last night in the preparatory billiard tournament for Class B players at Maurice Daly's Academy, Forty-ninth Street and Broadway, the final score being 300 to 299.

CARNIVAL OF SPORTS AT PANAMA FAIR

Forty-two Different Events to be Run Off Between Feb. 22 and Oct. 23.

Preliminary programmes of the Athletic Department of the Panama-Pacific Exposition were received here yesterday from J. J. McGovern, who, following the death of James E. Sullivan, assumed full charge of the department. Forty-two different sporting competitions and tournaments are scheduled, starting with the Amateur Athletic Union basketball championships on Feb. 22 and concluding on Oct. 23 with the California State track and field, boxing, basketball, wrestling and swimming meets.

Referring to athletics at the exposition, McGovern said:

"The programme of athletics that has been arranged by the exposition officials is the most extensive ever attempted by exposition, country, association or group. The total number of entries that will be received and the number of athletes who will compete will exceed by far the number of entries ever before received for any international meeting, not excepting the famous Olympic games. The exposition officials predict that the number of entrants will be between eight and ten thousand.

"At the convention of the Amateur Athletic Union in New York City it was voted unanimously to award all of its national championships to the exposition. These championships are the blue ribbon events of the athletic world.

"The International Olympic Committee, which controls all modern Olympic meets, recognizes just what the exposition will do for sports, and has conferred on it the right to hold the Modern Pentathlon, this being the first time that it has been awarded outside of the Olympic games.

"For the first time America is to have the Decathlon, one of the classic events that were the features of the Grecian and Swedish Olympic Games. The exposition for the second time will bring together the strong men of the world who will compete in the dumbbell and weight lifting contests.

"Every city in the United States that maintains play-ground activities will be extended an invitation to send a team to demonstrate the type of work being done for the boys of America. Representation is expected also from every public schools athletic league in the United States.

"It is planned to devote three days to Irish sports and pastimes, consisting of football, dancing, hurling, and athletics. Swedish gymnastics and athletics probably will be given a week. Arrangements are now being made to have the German turners exploit their type of mass work and exhibition drills.

"Special endeavors now are being made through the Secretary of War to have assigned to San Francisco for competition during Army Week detachments from each and every fort in the United States. It is planned to have 'try-outs' in the different military sections of the country, to select the most expert. The programme for Army Week will be made up of drills, exhibitions and competitions.

"During Navy Week it is planned to arrange contests between the various men-of-war. Just what the final programme will consist of will depend upon the time of arrival and mobilization of the different battleships in the harbor.

"A series of baseball games between all-star teams, to be selected by popular vote from the ranks of players in the National and American Leagues, will be played in San Francisco during 1915, if the National Baseball Commission approves. The Exposition will back the proposition and formally announce the plans when details are completed.

"The Department of Athletics has received many propositions in relation to holding professional competitions during the period of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and in all probability many important national and international professional events will be held in boxing, wrestling, baseball, tug-of-war, and marathon running.

"An idea of the magnitude of this undertaking may be gained when one considers the fact that it is proposed to have activities almost every day during the period of the Exposition, which opens Feb. 20 and closes Dec. 4.

"As a training camp for athletes San Francisco is unsurpassed, owing to its magnificent climate, which is, perhaps, the most equable of those of all the large cities of the United States.

"Entry blanks for all events will be issued shortly.

The athletic schedule is as follows:

Feb. 22, A. A. U. basket ball; March 26 and 27, A. A. U. gymnastic championships; March 29, Pacific Association wrestling championships; April 9 and 10, Pacific Coast interscholastic track and field championships; April 12 and 13, Far Western wrestling championships; April 14 and 15, Far Western boxing championships; April 16 and 17, A. A. U. wrestling championships; April 22 and 24, Pacific Association boxing championships; May 1, San Francisco P. S. A. L. day; May 5 to 8, international boxing championships; May 7 and 8, Pacific Coast college track and field championships; May 11 and 12, San Francisco private schools day; May 15, San Francisco high schools track meet; May 24 to 29, international fencing championships; June 19 to 26, Pacific Coast tennis championships; July 2 and 3, Pacific Association swimming; July 2 to 10, playground boys' week; July 10 to 17, international tennis championships; July 12 to 14, army and navy meet; July 15 to 29, P. S. A. L. and interscholastic championships; July 15 to 17, Far Western swimming championships; July 19 to 24, A. A. U. swimming and water polo championships; July 30 and 31, Far Western track and field and Marathon championships; Aug. 2 to 4, cycling; Aug. 5, all-around championship; Aug. 6, junior A. A. U. track and field championships; Aug. 7, senior A. A. U. track and field championships; Aug. 9, and 10, national relay championships; Aug. 12, ten-mile run, seven-mile walk, and tug-of war amateur championships; Aug. 13 and 14, exposition intercollegiate championships; Aug. 17 and 18, decathlom, ten events; Aug. 24 to 28, modern pentathlon; Sept. 9, Pacific Association track and field championships; Sept. 13 to 18, United States soccer championships; Oct. 4 to 9, international lacrosse championships; Sept. 25, Marathon race.

Relay Race for Police and Firemen.

Relay runners of the Police and Fire Departments of this city have requested the Seventy-first Regiment Athletic Association to stage a one mile relay race at their games in the armory, Park Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street, New Year's Eve, which will carry with it the title of champion. This condition has been brought about through the fact that of two races in which these teams have been engaged each has a victory to its credit, and in an attempt to clear the situation both solicited the military athletic organization to donate prizes for such an event. At the Honor Relief Fund sports at Brighton Beach last June two police teams defeated a quartet of firemen, while at the recent Irish-American A. C. games in Madison Square Garden the fire laddies beat their rivals by a narrow margin. In the police four are Jack Eller, George Merz, Martin Mulderig, and J. J. Murphy. The firemen will call upon the services of Dick Egan, Dan Shea, James McCue, and Harry Koechler, all of whom have notable victories to their credit.

Cathedral Club Elects Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Cathedral Club of New York was held at the clubhouse, 144 West Fiftieth Street, Monday evening. There was opposition for several positions, and a deal of activity on the part of the candidates. The officers for 1915 follow: Laurence L. Cassidy, President; John J. Barrett, Vice President; William G. Lowe, Recording Secretary; Joseph A. McNamara, Corresponding Secretary; Charles E. J. Newman, Treasurer; Michael A. Finnigan, Custodian; James E. Ray, Victor E. Baffrey, Peter B. Dempsey, Ambrose K. Draddy, and Francis J. Minnick.

Williams Drops Two Sports.

Williams College has withdrawn Faculty sanction from two sports, fencing and swimming. The action in regard to fencing was provoked by a lack of interest in the sport by the Williamstown collegians, but with swimming it is only a temporary suspension due to the fact that the financial condition of the athletic association is not strong enough to support the sport.

Clark Elected Manual Captain.

Robert Clark was elected Captain of the Manual Training High School soccer team yesterday for next season. The Manual team won the championship of the soccer league this season.

SLOW AND POOR BILLIARDS.

C. P. Mathews Defeats George W. Spear in Sixty-seven Innings.

The Christmas Eve game in the amateur Class C billiard tournament at Doyle's Academy, in which Charles P. Mathews defeated George W. Spear, would have driven any Christmas cheer from a stone image. It was the long-endurance match of the tournament as far as the sixty-seven innings were concerned, and took all the honors in the time it required. It may have been a friendly contest, but it had all of the marks of being a match between bitter enemies. During the first part of the game there was a little billiard friendliness, but then each of the players began playing safeties that would have defied an expert, and the innings in which there was no count were numerous.

Spear was not nearly in the form that he showed when he came through one of the preliminaries with a clean record of victories. Most of the counts were in single figures, for he could not get the ivories to running smoothly, and his touch, when he did have a good position, was so uncertain that the balls were soon out of control. Mathews was little better, and he won because he was a little stronger in the open-table play.

There was one time in the thirty-eighth inning when Spear quite outdid himself. He clustered a count of 32, which was the highest run of the game. All that is necessary to show how slow the game really was is to state that only twelve times did the two players in their combined card score better than single figures.

At one point Spear, who was always behind from the outset of the match, pulled up close to his opponent. This was in the forty-third inning, and the score stood 141 to 134 in favor of Mathews. Thereafter Mathews gradually went ahead, and a few innings later a run of 16 placed him enough in the lead to apparently insure victory. Mathews did fall off some in his play toward the end of the game, but Spear was not in any form to take advantage of the diminishing quality of his opponent's game.

WOMEN SEEK REGISTRATION.

A. A. U. Investigating Amateur Status of Female Swimmers.

No sanction has as yet been granted by the Amateur Athletic Union for the women's swimming races which will be held during the Sportsmen's Show in Madson Square Garden next month. A sanction probably will be issued, but it is being deferred pending an investigation by the A. A. U. into the amateur status of the women swimmers who have applied for registration blanks. No women have been registered in the Metropolitan Association under the new rule permitting them to compete under A. A. U. auspices, and none will be registered until after a most rigid investigation into their amateur standing has been made.

There is much dissension in the ranks of the women amphibians regarding those who are amateurs, and many protests have been received at A. A. U. headquarters, 21 Warren Street, against the registering of women who, it is said, competed professionally in swimming events. President Fred W. Rubin of the Metropolitan Association declared in a most emphatic manner yesterday that everyhting possible would be done to keep professional women swimmers out of the A. A. U. The Swimming Committee has the matter in hand, and has been working on the registrations for several weeks, and until it makes a report no sanction will be issued fror the Garden sports.

HOCKEY RULE ADOPTED.

No Player Can Be Checked Who Is Not Actually Playing the Puck.

"No player can be checked who is not actually playing the puck."

This additional rule of hockey was adopted at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Amateur Hockey League at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink late Wednesday night.

Alfred Windsor, the former Harvard player, who represented the Boston Athletic Association at the meeting, introduced the rule, which will eliminate much of the danger from the game, and also tend to make the pastime faster and more spectacular.

The expression "not actually playing the puck' is defined as meaning that no player can be checked unless his stick is within reaching distance of the puck. This play usually is made on the side-boards of the rink, so that if a player carroms the puck off the boards he is free to follow his drive until such time as his stick comes within striking distance of the puck again.

Newtown Lads Beat Alumni.

An extra period of five minutes was necessary to decide the basket ball game between the Newtown High School and Alumni fives yesterday afternoon, and at the end Newtown students led by the score of 35 to 30. The game was one of the most exciting played in Juniper Hall, Maspeth, this season and the rally by the Alumni players in the second half brought the big crowd to their feet. At the end of the first period the score was 22 to 7 in favor of the students, but in the second period the veterans started to play well together, and when time was called the score was tied at 30 points. In the extra session the fast pace at which the ex-high school players had been traveling commenced to check them, and the students romped home with a victory. The line-up:

Newtown.	Position.	Alumni.
Yerkes	Left forward	E. Kelly
Caliguri	Right forward	Cox
Garrett	Centre	Simonson
Scheow	Left guard	Patterson
Damiano	Right guard	Marks

Substitutions—Groh for E. Kelly, Twattell for Patterson, F. Kelly for Marks. Field goals—Yerkes, (3,) Caliguri, (4,) Garrett, (2,) Damiano, (6,) E. Kelly, (2,) Groh, (1,) Cox, (2,) Patterson, (3,) Twattell, (3,) F. Kelly, (2.) Goals from fouls—Yerkes, (3,) Garrett, (2,) Cox, (4.) Referee—Mr. Basel. Time of periods—Fifteen minutes each and an extra five-minute period.

Christmas Day Boxing Bouts.

Four boxing clubs have arranged matinee entertainments for this afternoon. At the Pioneer Sporting Club, 340 West Forty-fourth Street, Kid Williams, the bantamweight champion, and Johnny Daly of New York are booked for the wind-up. The first contest will be staged at 3 o'clock. There will be the usual preliminaries, with a semi-final of ten rounds, between Gene Gannon of Milwaukee and Johnny Keyes of this city, with the bantam championship bout between Williams and Daly starting at 4 o'clock exact. This programme will give the club patrons plenty of time to get home for their Christmas dinner.

Dan (Porky) Flynn of Boston, who recently defeated Battling Jim Johnson, will oppose Battling Levinsky in the feature event at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn, and preparations have been made to handle a big crowd. Young Erdy of Williamsburg and Matty Murphy of the Bushwick section, and K. O. Joe Daly of Brooklyn and Jem Mace of Elmhurst will box in the other ten-round sessions. Souvenirs of a sporting nature will be given to the spectators.

Barney Smith of England and Frankie Williams of the Bronx will be the topliners of the New Long Acre Christmas matinee of three ten-round bouts. Manager Newman has also arranged two interesting preliminaries, and popular prices will prevail.

Three ten-round contests have been announced by the Federal A. C., with Howard Morrow and Jim Savage as the feature. In the other contests Young Brown will face Johnny Martin and Bull Cassidy will oppose Chick West.

News of the Boxers.

Tim O'Neill, the Boston lightweight, who is scheduled to box at the Olympic Club of Harlem on Monday night, will arrive here this morning to finish his training at a local gym. The Boston boxer has agreed to make 125 pounds at 5 o'clock. Beecher is preparing for the contest at Dal Hawkins's roadhouse, and is down to the stipulated weight.

Matchmaker Tom McArdle has arranged for sixty-two rounds of boxing at the Fairmont A. C. tomorrow night. The bill is made up of three ten-round battles and eight bouts of four rounds each. The big bouts are between well-matched boys. In the main event Dick Peters of the West Side tackles Mike Mazie of Staten Island, and in the semi-final Dave Cross will hook up with Benny Mack.

The featherweight bout between Jimmy Fox of San Francisco and Eddie Wallace, Brooklyn's clever Ghetto contender for the title, which the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn will stage tomorrow night, has aroused unusual interest. Both men have boxed Eddie Campi of Los Angeles a fast draw. Young Allen of East New York and Mickey Dunn of Harlem, Jimmy Capper of Bay Ridge, and Eddie Moran of Providence will furnish the fun in the other ten-round sessions which will be staged.

WRENN TO STAY AS TENNIS LEADER

President of National Association Consents to Serve Another Term.

Robert D. Wrenn, President of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, has reconsidered his determination to retire from office and will be a candidate for re-election at the annual meeting of the association, which will be held in this city Friday, Feb. 5. President Wrenn has yielded to the pressure of the Executive Committee to accept another term, because it was considered that his wide experience will be needed during the coming year on account of international complications which are likely to require diplomatic handling. As there is no apparent opposition to Wrenn, it is declared that his acceptance of the nomination foreshadows his election.

Edwin F. Torrey, Secretary of the National Association, who announced the date of the annual meeting, is busy preparing the annual report. Several important matters will be discussed, and it is expected that the sport will be put on a safer basis. The proposition to encourage and develop schoolboys has received the hearty support of the National Association, and every effort will be made to promote tennis in schools, especially in the Eastern and Southern States. California has set the pace in encouraging schoolboys, and Maurice E. McLoughlin, William M. Johnston, Elia F. Fottrell, Clarence J. Griffin, and J. C. Strahan, who are among the leaders of American tennis, learned the game when they were schoolboys. Many of the ranking players began to play at the age of 12 years. The first junior indoor tournament is scheduled for the Seventh Regiment Armory on Monday, and plenty of competition is planned for the youngsters next Summer.

The announcement that the West Side Tennis Club would bid for the national singles and doubles championships next year is not taken seriously by tennis authorities, and the faction opposed to Newport, R. I., as the place of holding the national championship tournament expressed the opinion that the nomination and election of Wrenn, who is favorable to Newport, would mean the continuance of the tournament at the Casino for another year at least.

For the last five years there has been an effort to take the national championship away from Newport. There was some grounds for complaint up to two years ago, when the Casino owners made a number of important changes which met with favor with the National Association, and it is probable that it will be many years before any change is made.

SQUASH TENNIS FINALS.

Knapp and Mead Will Play for Title in Squash Club Tournament.

Play in the handicap squash tennis tournament of the Squash Club reached the final round yesterday with W. J Knapp and G. W. Mead as the survivors. The former, who is handicapped at plus 5 aces, defeated G. W. Abbott, who received one hand advantage over Knapp in easy fashion, while A. Corey, who was considered a likely contender for the finals, defaulted to Mead.

The best players in the club were all eliminated in the early rounds, which left the long-mark players to contest the later rounds. Only two matches went to three games. In the first G. W. Abbott defeated W. V. Griffin, and in the second J. T. Terry won from Morgan J. O'Brien, Jr. The latter won the first game, but was unable to keep up the pace and lost the next two games after a close battle. The summary:

First Round.—L. S. Bull, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) defeated G. Godley, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) by default; G. W. Abbott, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) defeated C. Tucker, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) by default; W. V. Griffin, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) defeated W. M. F. Cook, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) 15—8, 17—14; B. Van Gerbig, (plus 5 aces,) defeated D. Raymond Noyes, (minus 3 aces,) by default; G. W. Mead, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) by default; J. T. Terry, (plus 5 aces,) defeated A. Billings, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) 15—11, 15—7.

Second Round.—W. J. Knapp, (plus 5 aces,) defeated F. Garvan, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) by default; G. C. Low, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) defeated N. F. Brady, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) by default; L. S. Bull, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) defeated F. A. Godley, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) by default; G. W. Abbott, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) defeated W. V. Griffin, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) 15—8, 6—15, 15—5; G. W. Mead, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) defeated B. Van Gerbig, (plus 5 aces,) 15—4, 15—5; J. T. Terry, (plus 5 aces,) defeated M. J. O'Brien, Jr., (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) 8—15, 15—9, 15—10; A. H. Mosle, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) defeated Guy Lowell, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) by default; A. Corey, (plus 5 aces,) defeated W. H. Vander Poel, (scratch,) 15—12, 12—15, 15—11.

Third Round.—W. J. Knapp, (plus 5 aces,) defeated G. C. Low, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) 15—3, 15—9; G. W. Abbott, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) defeated L. S. Bull, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) 15—12, 15—3; G. W. Mead, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) defeated J. T. Terry, (plus 5 aces,) 15—4, 15—6; A. Corey, (plus 5 aces,) defeated A. H. Mosle, (plus 2 hands and 5 aces,) by default.

Semi-final Round.—W. J. Knapp, (plus 5 aces,) defeated G. W. Abbott, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) 15—7, 15—11; G. W. Mead, (plus 1 hand and 5 aces,) defeated A. Corey, (plus 5 aces,) by default.

NICKALLS FOR LONG RACE.

Penn Rowing Coach Says "We Don't Want Pink Teas."

Vivian Nickalls, coach of the University of Pennsylvania crew, at an alumni dinner in Washington, said that lack of money was a feature which was handicapping rowing at the Quaker institution. He said a new boat house and money for new rowing machines were an imperative necessity. He also came out in favor of the four-mile race, which is one of the mooted questions of the rowing world at present.

"What we need," he said, "is more money for our athletic association. I've been promised some money in New York, and I think I'll get it. We need to equip our training quarters with some up-to-date rowing machines.

"Our crew ought to row over a four or a four and a quarter mile course in races. I don't agree with these suggestions that are being made for shorter courses. We don't want to hold any pink teas. Rowing is a man's sport. I used to row over a course of four and a quarter miles, and it's no more difficult than a long cross-country run.

"The university is going to do something in rowing next year. We've got good material, and if we can only arrange the men's schedules of studies and get enough money for a good boat house and some modern shells we'll get along."

Jersey Hockey League Opens.

Today will mark the opening of the schedule of the newly formed Jersey Hockey League, which comprises Red Bank, Asbury Park, and Lakewood. The first game brings together Red Bank and Lakewood, the match being scheduled for Lakewood. The other games of the schedule are:

Dec. 26, Red Bank and Asbury Park at Asbury Park; Jan. 1, Lakewood and Red Bank at Red Bank; 2, Asbury Park and Red Bank at Red Bank; 9, Lakewood and Asbury Park at Asbury Park; 16, Red Bank and Lakewood at Lakewood; 25, Asbury Park and Lakewood at Lakewood; 30, Lakewood and Red Bank at Red Bank; Feb. 6, Red Bank and Lakewood at Lakewood; 12, Red Bank and Asbury Park at Asbury Park; 13, Asbury Park and Red Bank at Red Bank; 20, Lakewood and Asbury Park at Asbury Park; 22, Asbury Park and Red Bank at Red Bank; 27, Red Bank and Lakewood at Lakewood.

PIONEER SPORTING CLUB 340 West 44 St.
THIS AFTERNOON AT 3 O'CLOCK
KID WILLIAMS vs. JOHNNY DALY
Admission $1.00 and $2. Box Seats $3.

SCOTS ABANDON CUP TIES.

Many Soccer Players Respond to Great Britain's Call to Colors.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—At the special meeting of the Scottish Football Association held in Glasgow today, at which every club in the country was represented, it was decided after a lengthy discussion to adhere to the decision of the meeting on Dec. 7 and abandon the Scottish Cup ties for this season. Scottish footballers have shown such enthusiasm to join the colors that at one time it was thought impossible to continue the league games, owing to so many of the clubs giving up several players, but with every team now playing at greatly reduced strength a big effort will be made to carry out the league schedule.

Sixty members of the famous amateur club, Queens Park, have gone on active service, Hearts coming next, with fifteen; St. Bernard's giving up eight, Nomads eight, Vale of Leven eight, Raith Rovers six, Falkirk six, and Renton three, while every other club in the country has contributed one or more.

The London Football Association has just received a return from each of the 738 amateur clubs registered on its books, giving the names of players who have joined the colors from each team, showing that the large number of 8,678 amateur footballers from the London district are on active service.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Season Will Open Next Friday—Business Men Backing Sport.

New Orleans is making rapid progress toward preparing a wholesome welcome to racing on its return to the Fair Grounds. The Winter meeting of the Business Men's Racing Association starts next Friday, and the Fair Grounds are taking on an appearance that reminds one of the palmy days in the Louisiana city. With 250 thoroughbreds already stabled on the grounds and arrivals coming in every day from all sections of the country, and the track whipped into perfect shape, racing could begin there at once.

The Business Men's Racing Association, not being organized on commercial lines, will give everything to the horsemen. There will be charge for stall rents. Jockeys will be assessed $5, which will be used to employ a physician on the grounds to attend the boys in case of accident. With a view to popularizing the sport among the fair sex, several "ladies' days" will be given.

Among the leading jockeys who will participate in the meet are C. Fairbrother, G. F. Tehan, D. Connelly, J. Hanover, W. Gargan, H. Nicklaus, H. Snider, F. Keough, E. Tice, T. Conners, Johnny McTaggart, Shilling, and J. Pollard.

Would Reduce Auto Purses.

Drivers on automobile speedways are expecting a cut in their salary, according to a report from Chicago. Jealous because the officials of the Chicago speedway had determined upon a big purse for the drivers who compete at the meet to be held June 19 next at the oval in Chicago, it is reported that a movement has been started in the East to get the owners of the various auto speedways together on a proposition to reduce the purses for the drivers. These Eastern owners, the report continues, realized that Chicago with the 300,000 seating capacity of its big park would be able to hang up larger purses than any other oval in the United States, and this was not desired because they did not wish the Chicago event to be the biggest in the country. The Chicago officials have not definitely decided upon the amount of prize money they shall give the drivers, but they say it will be as large as any ever offered in this country.

Soccer on Olympic Field.

New York and New Jersey Irish Association Football elevens will play this afternoon at Olympic Field, 136th Street and Fifth Avenue, at 2:30 o'clock. The teams are the Irish-Americans of Newark and the New York Celtics. Both clubs will have their strongest available elevens and with fair weather one of the best "soccer" games of the season should result.

COLUMBIA RINK READY ON MONDAY

Hockey Team to Play Outdoors—Students and Faculty May Skate, Too.

Work on the skating rink is being rushed at Columbia University to take advantage of the cold weather. Henry Lee Norris, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, said yesterday that he expected the rink would be finished by the end of the week and that the hockey candidates could get out on the ice by Monday.

According to the original plans the rink was to have been built on South Field, but this site was abandoned in favor of the grounds on the new property at 117th Street purchased by Columbia University this year. The West Side Tennis Club grounds, which have stood for many years on this property, will serve as a bed for the new rink. The size of this rink will be 220 feet by 85 feet.

The rink is being built primarily for the use of the candidates, and Coach O'Brien will be quick to put his puck chasers on the ice. They are at present practicing at the St. Nicholas Rink.

The rink, when not in use by the hockey candidates, may be used by the students and Faculty, according to the present plans of the Athletic Association. Harry Fisher, graduate director of the association, expects to allow the subscribers to the association to use the ice. There will be no charge for admission, but the rink will be restricted to Columbia men.

Cutler's Easy Hockey Victory.

The Cutler School and Commerce High School hockey teams opened their seasons yesterday when they played at St. Nicholas Rink, and Cutler's seven had an easy time defeating Commerce by the score of 24 to 0. The Cutler team, champions of the New York Interscholastic League, which comprises only preparatory schools, was composed of seasoned players, and outplayed the Commerce students at all times. The line-up:

Cutler.	Position.	Commerce.
Mason	Goal	Hammond
Marsh	Point	Hughes
Bull	Cover point	Straffer
Fox	Rover	Kling
Dowling	Centre	Kellner
McPherson	Left wing	Hattner
Lawson	Right wing	Weiner

Goals—Bull, (7,) Dowling, (7,) Fox, (5,) Lawson, (2,) Brunn, (2,) McPherson. Substitute—Brunn for McPherson. Referee—Mr. Gordon Stevens Prep. Time of periods—Fifteen minutes.

Canadians in Hockey at Rink.

Toronto University will bring a fast squad of hockey players to New York to play the St. Nicks, champions of the Amateur Hockey League, on the ice at the St. Nicholas Rink tomorrow night. Many of the Canadian players have represented Toronto before and all of them have had plenty of hockey experience. This game will mark the first appearance of Hobey Baker, the former Princeton football and hockey captain, in a game with the St. Nicks. Toronto, has in the past turned out one of the best college teams in the Dominion, and Capt. Jupp writes that the Toronto team this season is faster than ever, and that it has a great chance to win the Canadian college championship. Last season this team won the series between the Canadian colleges which was played at the St. Nicholas Rink.

Walks 70 Miles for Xmas Dinner.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 24.—Leaving his home at 5 o'clock this morning, David Detjen of 14 Farden Street, Ridgefield Park, near here, started on a seventy-mile walk to Walkill, N. Y., where he expects to take his Christmas dinner with relatives. Mr. Detjen is a well-known resident of Ridgefield Park. He is an athlete, and was former Commodore of the Hackensack Boat Club. He is now President of the Hudson River Boating Association.

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HORSES SHIPPED TO RUSSIA.

Government to Place Them on Breeding Farms.

Eleven trotting bred horses, five stallions and six mares, all with standard records, which were recently purchased by the Russian Government, sailed early yesterday on the Wilson Line steamer Idaho, their destination being Petrograd, from which point they will be sent to different breeding points in that country.

The original plan was to ship the horses to Hull, England; from there to Russia by way of Norway; but it was said just before the steamer sailed that the route might be changed. The consignment is fully insured, and the shipping agents have no fear of not landing them safely at their destination.

While further orders for the purchase and shipment are urgent, it is not likely that any other consignments will be sent abroad until the present lot has reached the purchasers, and future conditions and circumstances allow more shipments. It was admitted yesterday by the shipping agents that unless present conditions improve, the extra expense of insurance and freight charges, combined with the high prices demanded for the available stock, will make further buying and shipping impossible, in spite of the desire and anxiety of foreigners to obtain as good a supply as possible.

Some of the deals now pending include several highly bred and fast trotters. If eventually bought for export, they will represent a large sum of money, consequently the risk will be greater than by shipping the present lot.

If the circumstances favor shipping in the near future, there is some hope that more horses will be for sale than at present, after racing circuits for the coming year are organized and trainers and owners have some idea about the conditions that will likely prevail under certain rules which track managers are about ready to adopt.

French Bronze for Millrose Trophy.

What promises to be the most exciting race on the Millrose A. A. programme on Jan. 14 at Madison Square Garden will be a two-mile relay between representatives of the different regiments in the Military Athletic League for a trophy of French art bronze which was secured in Paris just before the outbreak of the European war specially for this event. The race will bring together many of the best middle-distance men in the metropolitan A. A. U. district who are representatives of their respective regiments. The trophy will become the absolute property of the victorious regiment on the night of the games instead of having to be won three times, as is usually the custom.

Maurice Maeterlinck
calls on the United States to save what is left of Belgium.

Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart
writes of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium.

Dr. Wm. Hirsch
dissects the disease of war, though he thinks it a symptom rather than a disease and blames England for it.

Capt. John Clark Wilson
U. S. N. (retired)
writes why and how we should prepare for national defense.

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B. R. T. CROWDING BEFORE GRAND JURY

Judge Hylan Tells That Body to Examine City Officials and Experts.

LAW ON PUBLIC NUISANCE

Court Says Health Board Would Have Acted Before This If Passengers Were Swine.

Saying that he believed the overcrowding of the cars of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to be a violation of the penal code, and that the company might be indicted and punished as a public nuisance, County Judge John F. Hylan yesterday urged the Kings County Grand Jury to make a sweeping investigation of transit conditions in Brooklyn. George H. Bell, the foreman of the jury, assured the court that the jurors would take up the matter at once.

"The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company," said Judge Hylan, "is today operating fewer cars on all lines in Brooklyn than were operated when the Public Service Commission came into existence, notwithstanding the fact that it now carries a great many more passengers than at that time.

"If swine were crowded into cars as the people are, the Board of Health would have taken action long before this. It is a common thing to see from 150 to 200 people crowded into an elevated car. Girls of tender age are crowded against men in a most disgraceful manner. There may be some excuse for such overcrowding during the rush hours, but there can be none for people being crowded in the cars at other times of the day.

"This condition, it seems to me, comes within Section 43 of the Penal Laws, which makes it a misdemeanor, where a person wilfully and wrongfully commits an act which seriously injures the person or property of another, or which seriously endangers public peace or health, or which openly outrages public decency.

"These corporations are, I believe, also violating Section 1,530 of the Penal Laws. Any one annoying, injuring, or endangering the repose, health, or safety of any considerable number of persons, or offending public decency, or in any way rendering a considerable number of persons insecure in life, or their use of property, is a public nuisance and guilty of a misdemeanor.

"In the Port Jervis gas light case, 122 New York, the court, among other things, said: 'A corporation authorized by statute to carry on a business, although it may be of a quasi public character, is under the same obligation to make a reasonable use of the property and to respect the rights of others as are citizens. Public nuisances are founded on wrongs that arise from the unreasonable, unwarrantable, or unlawful use of property, or from improper, indecent or unlawful conduct, working an obstruction or injury to the public and producing material annoyance, inconvenience, and discomfort. Founded upon a wrong, it is indictable and punishable, as for a misdemeanor.'

"I believe it is the duty of the Grand Jury to make a thorough investigation of these conditions, and, if the law is being violated, bring those who are responsible to account for their actions. The District Attorney, James C. Cropsey, will, I know, assist you in making any investigation you may think proper.

"Call the Health Commissioner before you. He will tell you that crowding 200 people into an elevated car is injurious to health and dangerous. Call experts before you. They will tell you that it is dangerous to life and limb to overload old wooden cars and run them at a high rate of speed. The Fire Commissioner, if you call him, will tell you what dangers the people are being subjected to daily with wooden cars and electricity in the Chambers Street and other subways. Call before you the Public Service Commission and find out why the Fourth Avenue subway is not being operated."

S. W. Huff, Vice President of the B. R. T., said last night that Judge Hylan was mistaken as to conditions. Since the creating of the Public Service Commission, he said, the facilities for the relief of overcrowding had been greatly improved, and more and larger cars were being operated. The figures, Mr. Huff said, would show that Judge Hylan was wrong.

L. I. R. R. CAN'T STOP B. R. T.

New Survey Shows Railroad Consent Is Not Needed for Transit Line.

A slight difference in the survey of a Brooklyn Rapid Transit route which may almost be measured by inches shows that the line to Bayside from Corona can be built in spite of the opposition of the Long Island Railroad Company. The Public Service Commission announced a month ago that it seemed impossible to get the consents of the abutting property owners, which were necessary to legalize the route, on account of the attitude taken by the Long Island; but William R. Willcox, as counsel for certain property owners, has now been over the map of the district and has told the commission that the Long Island property is just too far away to affect the situation.

The trouble arose through the fact that some years ago the property owners gave the Long Island Railroad a plaza at Twenty-second Street and Broadway. The projected line crosses Broadway on the slant, and consequently it has been held by the commission's lawyers that the consents of the owners of the four abutting plots are necessary for the construction. The Long Island Railroad has opposed the building of a rapid transit line paralleling its own railroad, and refused consent.

Now Mr. Willcox has had the route examined very closely, and he has told the commission that the legal specifications will permit the construction of the line just beyond the Long Island property. As other property holders have agreed to the new line, it is likely to be built as soon as the Estimate Board votes the money.

EDITH ST. CLAIR HOPEFUL.

Lawyer Says a Conviction for Perjury May Give Her $22,500.

Statements and affidavits made by Edith St. Clair in her civil suit against Abraham L. Erlanger, and later in proceedings for the disbarment of Max D. Steuer, were read yesterday at her trial for perjury before Justice Davis in the Criminal Term of the Supreme Court. Miss St. Clair was to have taken the stand herself, but her testimony was deferred until Monday, when the trial will be resumed. Dr. Louis Lichtschein, Miss St. Clair's physician, was put on the stand to testify about her physical condition in May, 1913, when alleged affidavits were made in the office of William Travers Jerome. Justice Davis would not allow the testimony.

If Miss St. Clair is convicted of perjury, Benjamin Slade, her counsel, said yesterday, she will attempt to have set aside Justice Goff's decision setting aside the judgment of $22,500 which she obtained against Abraham L. Erlanger for breach of contract. Justice Goff's decision was made on the strength of Miss St. Clair's affidavits that she did not have such a contract. Later she repudiated them, and the perjury charge resulted.

Kills Man for $1 Debt.

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Because he refused to pay him a debt of $1, Mike Malick of this city, it is alleged, kicked Larchec Swea in the head several times today and killed him. Malick then ran out of the saloon, where the assault was committed, and went to Springfield, where he was arrested. He was taken to the Chicopee Police Station and a charge of murder was lodged against him.

ICE YACHTSMEN READY.

Interest Centres in Race for Championship of North America.

Ice yachtsmen along the Shrewsbury River are ready for a particularly active season when the ice becomes thick enough, with the main interest attaching to the challenge for the championship of North America. For many years the North Shrewsbury Ice Yacht Club has held the championship, and now the Independent Ice Yacht Club of East Red Bank has issued a challenge for a series of three races, the best two out of three to decide the question of supremacy. Since its organization about five years ago the Independent Ice Yacht Club has been sailing nothing but fourth and fifth class yachts, but now it will compete in third-class events.

The challenge for the North American championship, according to members of the North Shrewsbury Club, has been received, and will be formally accepted shortly. In the race it is likely that the Independent Club will be represented by Capt. Edward Asay's Daisy, Newton Doremus's Atlanta, and Henry Applegate's new third-class yacht Vim II. The North Shrewsbury Club will defend, according to present plans, with three yachts: Robert Heitmeyer's Imp, sailed by Reuben White; Commodore Henry Grant's Tyro, sailed by Gerry Morford, and Daniel Asay's Gull. The latter owner claims the distinction of being the oldest ice yacht sailor in the world. He is now 86 years old and will sail his own boat in the championship event.

The three defending boats are all being refitted for the races. The Imp, by many considered the fastest third-class yacht in this country, has been a participant in several championships. Representing the North Shrewsbury Club, it defended the championship against the X. L. N. C. and the Princeton of the South Shrewsbury Club in the championship races held last year. The Atlanta and the Daisy of the challenging club are also undergoing extensive repairs.

For the first time in years the Scud, which is one of the few first-class ice yachts in this country and which holds the world's record for speed over a straightaway course, will be placed in commission. The craft is owned by Capt. James B. Weaver of Red Bank. It was in a blinding snowstorm that the boat made its record flight when the wind was blowing almost a gale. The craft completed a one-and-a-quarter-mile course in 52 seconds, and this mark has never been bettered.

The coming season promises to be one of the most active since ice boating became a Winter fixture on the Shrewsbury, and owners are putting their craft in the best possible condition for the series of events which will be raced. Everett Asay's Streak, which was a big winner last year, is now being overhauled, and the same is true of Harry Asay's Reindeer, James B. Weaver's Kitty, and Ralph B. Sickles's P. D. Q.

TRAINING BOYS TO SHOOT.

Chicago to Have Rifle Range for Schoolboys and Amateur Marksmen.

That New York is not the only city that is showing interest in rifle shooting by high school students and amateur marksmen is evidenced by the action of the Sportsmen's Club of America in awarding the contract for the erection of a pistol and rifle range in Chicago. President James A. Pugh of the Chicago branch of the club, recognizing the rapid strides taken in the sport among high schools and colleges, has issued orders that the range be built and it is expected that the work will be finished in one month.

In New York, high school rifle shooting has been an established sport for several years, but in Chicago it was not until recently that interest was awakened to the point that special arrangements were necessary to take care of the shooters. The plans for the Chicago range call for one of the most modern and elaborate ranges. There will be a glass inclosed reception room for spectators and contestants waiting their turn at the range, and there will be three booths at the take-off. Through this arrangement three shooters can get into action at once and these take-offs are constructed with the view of reducing accidents to a minimum. The only possible way to point the gun is at the target and these are built of cypress planking, six inches thick, backed with and inch of boiler iron. Another arrangement which is expected to reduce accidents on the range is the automatic target system. The targets are operated by each shooter and it is not necessary for an operator to stand near the targets. The Sportsmen's Club has arranged for lockers and other conveniences, and clubs devoted to the sport, National Guardsmen, and police officers, are to have the use of the new range. In New York most of the high schools are fitted with ranges and the students can procure the use of the armory ranges.

AFTER AMATEUR TOURNEY.

Oakland Club of Pittsburgh Anxious to Get Big Championship Event.

Western Pennsylvania golf officials are anxious to land the amateur golf championship for the Oakland Country Club of Pittsburgh. The Country Club of Detroit is also anxious to hold the event, while another applicant will very likely be the Wilmington Country Club. The meeting of the United States Golf Association will be held in this city next month.

Pittsburgh or Detroit is most likely to get the amateur event, because for the past two seasons it has been held in the East, at Garden City in 1913 and at Ekwanok in 1914. The event was held in Detroit several seasons ago, but has never been held at Pittsburgh. The championships are awarded by vote of the members. Detroit is working hard to obtain proxies for the meeting. The Oakland Club has sent in its application, and will depend on the vote of the delegates.

The open championship will be held in the East this year, as it was held in Chicago last year. A club in the metropolitan district will very likely draw this plum. Five clubs have applied for the women's championship—the Country Club of Buffalo, Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill.; Sleepy Hollow, Scarsborough-on-the-Hudson, and Wilmington, Del.

An English golf publication has a number of favorable comments to make about American courses, and also, anent the possible decision of the United States Golf Association to assign the amateur championship to Detroit. It says in part:

"There is a strong probability of the next year's amateur championship of the United States being decided at Detroit, where the English professionals who toured America two years ago were so greatly impressed with the course. They pronounced it one of the best they played on, during their visit and declared it to be more like a British course than any other they saw. That, in itself, should be an inducement to British golfers to have a cut at the American title."

Skating Races at St. Nicholas Rink.

Fast ice skating races were witnessed at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink, West Sixty-sixth Street, last night A one-mile handicap race for skaters of Class A ability and a one-half-mile novice event were contested. In the Class A event Donald Baker, unattached, with a handicap of twenty yards, was the winner after a close race with William Taylor of the New York Athletic Club. These skaters raced almost neck and neck throughout until near the finish line, when Baker gradually drew away from his adversary and finished with an advantage of about one yard. He covered the distance in 2:58 2-5. Taylor had a handicap of thirty yards. F. MacMillan, unattached, seventy-five-yard handicap, was third.

In the one-half-mile novice race J. J. Noble, unattached, graduated into the Class B circle of racers by winning the event from a fast field in 1:38 2-5.

Dates for Skating Races.

The international outdoor speed and figure skating championships will be held at Saranac Lake, Feb. 2, 3, and 4. The amateur indoor championships will be held at Cleveland and the New England championships at Boston, dates for which will be announced later. Both the St. Nicholas Ice Rink of this city and the Boston Arena offered to hold the events, but the choice of place was left to Irving Brokaw, Chairman of the Figure-Skating Committee and he selected Saranac Lake. The Canadian championships will probably be held in Montreal and he dates will be selected by the Canadian skating associations.

ELLIOTT DEPLORES CRIPPLING OF ROADS

General Level of Rates Throughout the Country Too Low, He Asserts.

URGES JUST COMPENSATION

Says Present-Day Tendencies Lead Gradually to Appropriation of the Use of the Properties.

Special to The New York Times.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Howard Elliott, President of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, who is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here, in a formal statement today asserted that railroad rates would have to be raised generally throughout the country if the railroads and the country were to prosper. He characterized the present schedules as confiscatory. The action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting a freight rate increase of 5 per cent. to Eastern roads, he said, indicated an awakening public conscience in the matter of fairness to the railroad companies.

"The railroad owners, too," said Mr. Elliott, "are realizing that they must show the highest kind of honesty, economy, and efficiency in handling the railroad dollar—and they are striving to do it."

Mr. Elliott's statement, in part, follows:

"About business, it is, I am very sorry to say, very dull east of the Alleghany Mountains, but possibly no more so than in the South and the West. The sentiment is better than it was three months ago, and in spots business is better.

"About the railroads—they are suffering even more than other forms of business and are in great difficulties. They are not receiving enough nourishment, either from volume of transactions or from the prices and rates charged to enable them to prepare to furnish the transportation that the United States will need the next time the country is going ahead full steam.

"The fifth amendment of the Constitution of the United States says: 'Nor shall any private property be taken for public use without just compensation.'

"The principles here announced seem to be lost sight of at times in the discussion of railroads and the rates charged for the service performed by them. The constant lowering of rates that has been going on is gradually appropriating the use of railroads without 'just compensation' to the owners and without the 'equal protection' to which they are entitled.

"Not only is the general level of rates too low in the United States under present conditions of wages, taxes, rates of interest, elaborate and luxurious service, and very necessary provision for safety and dispatch, but many individual rates are entirely too low to permit the railroads to receive 'just compensation.'

"The vote in this State about the 'extra crew' law, the decision of the commission on the 5 per cent. case, statements of the President of the United States, all indicate that the people are awakening to the fact that a railroad cannot make a dollar produce more than one hundred cents any more than any other form of business can and that the time has come to call a halt in the downward trend of rates and in the constant loading of unnecessary burdens upon the roads."

GEN. WOOD PRAISES HOTEL.

Martinique Encourages Employes to Join National Guard.

Major Gen. Leonard Wood, ranking officer of the United States Army, has sent this letter to Walter Chandler, Jr., manager of the Hotel Martinique:

> My Dear Sir: I am very much pleased to note in the press that you have notified all male employes that your policy is to encourage in every way the National Guard of New York, and that any employe joining the Guard, or already enlisted, will be allowed full pay for time while at camp or for rifle practice, parades, &c.
>
> This is the proper attitude, and indicates a patriotic spirit. I hope that the example which you have set will be followed by others. Very sincerely yours,
>
> LEONARD WOOD,
> Major General Commanding.

Manager Chandler issued the notice to his employes some days ago.

UPHOLDS RACE SEGREGATION

Court Decides Against Negroes in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—Segregation of the 40,000 negroes in Louisville is the rightful exercise of a police power of the State, according to an opinion handed down in the Criminal Court here today by Judge James P. Gregory. It violates neither the Fourteenth Amendment nor the Kentucky bill of rights, says the court.

The City Council passed a segregation ordinance last May, Arthur Harris, a negro, ignored its provisions and was arrested, fined in police court, and took an appeal. His counsel endeavored to show that his Constitutional rights had been abridged.

The ordinance contemplates no immediate ouster of one race from blocks where the other predominates, but requires that future removals of citizens be made only to blocks where their race is in the majority.

Bankrupt Arrested in New Store.

Morris Merinsky, who up to last August conducted in partnership with Isaac Merins three retail men's furnishing shops at 73 Orchard Street, 55 Allen Street, and 264 East Houston Street, was arraigned yesterday before Commissioner Houghton on the charge of having concealed $20,000 worth of assets from William Henkel, Jr., the Trustee in bankruptcy. He was held in $2,500 bail for the Federal Grand Jury. He was arrested at 75 Rivington Street, where he is said to have established another business.

Will Move Cripples' Trades School.

Dr. Charles H. Jaeger of 471 Park Avenue, director of the Trades Schools of the Hospital of Hope for Crippled Men, at 159th Street and Mott Avenue, in the Bronx, announced last night that it had been decided to move the school to East Forty-second Street, between Lexington and Third Avenues. The old schoolhouse was very commodious, the doctor explained, but it was inaccessible to many.

CITY BREVITIES.

The Eighth Regiment Band will give he fourteenth of a series of concerts at Ellis Island on Sunday for detained immigrants.

M. Fertig, Assemblyman-elect of the Thirty-fourth District, will address the Montefiore congregation in the Bronx tonight on "A Social Necessity."

Forty students of Columbia, Barnard, and the Teachers' College expect to sail on the Oceana next week for a week's vacation at Bermuda.

Dr. Sidney Goldstein, Director of Social Service of the Free Synagogue, will address an organization meeting of the Young Men's and Women's Social Service Auxiliary of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities at the building of the Training School for Nurses, Classon Avenue and Prospect Place, Brooklyn, at 3 o'clock, on Sunday afternoon.

A gold badge set with diamonds and bearing the coat of arms of New York was presented to Borough President Charles J. McCormack of Richmond yesterday afternoon by the clerks in his office.

FRANK CASE BEFORE LAMAR.

Louis Marshall Presents Habeas Corpus Appeal—Decision After Christmas.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Louis Marshall of New York today presented to Justice Lamar of the Supreme Court of the United States an appeal from the decision of Judge Newman of the Federal District Court of Georgia denying a writ of habeas corpus to Leo M. Frank. Mr. Marshall returned to New York late this afternoon on learning that Justice Lamar would give no decision until after Christmas. The appeal was made to Justice Lamar because he is the presiding Justice for the Circuit Court of Appeals of the two Federal districts in Georgia.

Counsel for Frank are following pretty much the same course in their efforts to obtain the release of the prisoner on a writ of habeas corpus as was followed in their previous efforts to obtain from the Supreme Court of the United States or one of its Justices a writ of error. The writ of habeas corpus is sought, too, on pretty much the same grounds as those on which the petition for a writ of error was based.

Mr. Marshall argued at length for his client today before Justice Lamar and presented a detailed brief, which was an elaboration of points cited in regard to the writ of error.

After denying the writ Justice Newman denied to Frank an appeal to the high court in Washington. Today when he argued for the writ Mr. Marshall presented, in addition to his brief, a certificate for the Justice's signature, declaring that there was probably reason for an appeal to the Supreme Court. If Justice Lamar does not sign this certificate it is probable that the appeal will be taken to Justice Holmes and possibly to other Justices. The appeal cannot be taken to the full court before Jan. 4, when it will reconvene after the Christmas recess.

Pending Justice Lamar's decision, Mr. Marshall is withholding his brief from publication. Mr. Marshall said this afternoon that he was not certain yet whether he would return to Washington on Saturday to receive the decision.

WIFE ACCUSES FITZSIMMONS

Pugilist's Marital Troubles Due to Drinking—Divorce Default Entered.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Various episodes of their marital life in which she figured as an abused person were related today by Mrs. Julia Fitzsimmons, wife of Robert Fitzsimmons, former world's champion heavyweight pugilist, in testifying in her suit for divorce.

"He used to go away," said Mrs. Fitzsimmons, "and would be brought back intoxicated by some of his beautiful friends."

The day before their final separation in July, 1910, the wife said her husband kicked her.

"We had a quarrel earlier," she explained, "about his drinking, and I hadn't been speaking to him because he refused to quit, so when I passed by the door he kicked me."

Threats to shoot her were related by the witness, who said that at various times her husband pulled her hair or grabbed her throat, and sometimes threw bottles at her.

"I don't want any alimony," she told the court. "I always worked before we were married and I have had to since."

Mrs. Fitzsimmons asked permission to resume her maiden name of Julia Gifford. Before becoming Mrs. Fitzsimmons in 1903 she was a professional singer.

No defense was offered, and a default was entered.

BAIL FOR CHURCH WORKER.

Court Allows Camp's Counsel to Argue for an Appeal.

Judge Malone in General Sessions granted a motion to appeal yesterday in the case of Eugene M. Camp, church worker, Treasurer of the Seabury Society, who was sent to the workhouse after a charge of improper conduct in the Grand Central station of the Subway. He allowed Camp's release in $250 bail pending the appeal argument. Almuth C. Vandiver of O'Gorman, Battle & Vandiver, Camp's counsel, moved for the appeal on the ground that the complaint made against Camp by two Interborough detectives was more serious than a misdemeanor, and that he should have been discharged by the Magistrate or held for a higher court.

Bishop Charles S. Burch, the Rev. Charles A. Hamilton, former rector of St. Margaret's Church; the Rev. Roland C. Ormsbee, the present rector of St. Margaret's Church, and Alexander M. Hadden, President of the Association of Grand Jurors in New York, all made affidavits which were submitted with the application for the right to appeal. They all said they knew Camp well and believed him innocent.

PARDONS BANK OFFENDER.

By President's Act McMonies Will Spend Xmas with Afflicted Family.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Charles McMonies of Lyons, Neb., who is serving a five-year sentence in Leavenworth Penitentiary, received a Christmas present from President Wilson today in the form of a pardon, to take effect immediately. McMonies can spend Christmas at home with his wife, who is ill, and with his two children, one of whom is reported to be dying.

McMonies was sentenced Jan. 2, 1914, on a charge of making a false entry in the ledger of a bank. His term, with time off for good behavior, would have expired Sept. 8, 1917. According to reports to the Department of Justice, the offense was a technical one and the bank lost no money, and Attorney General Gregory recommended that the sentence be commuted to expire Jan. 2, 1915.

Representative Stevens of Nebraska asked that the pardon take effect immediately in order that McMonies might spend Christmas with his family. President Wilson took into consideration the fact that Mrs. McMonies, despite her illness, was supporting her two children by giving music lessons and signed the pardon to take effect immediately.

Ohio Senator Cetone Pardoned.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Ex-State Senator George B. Cetone of Dayton, serving three years in the penitentiary for complicity in the legislative bribery scandal in 1911, received a pardon today from Gov. Cox. Cetone was one of several members of the Legislature convicted of extorting money in connection with pending legislation.

"HOME RULE" FOR PRISON.

"Councilmen" Will Confer Weekly with Ohio Warden for Betterment.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The 1,700 convicts in the Ohio Penitentiary received from Warden Thomas their Christmas gift today in the form of an innovation in the prison management under which the inmates are to have a measure of "home rule." The action of the Warden was announced today through The Penitentiary News, the official publication of the prison.

The three huge cell blocks in the prison will be divided into six precincts and one prisoner selected from each precinct to represent the inmates. These men will be known as "Councilmen" and will meet with Warden Thomas once each week for conference. Just what is best for the moral, mental, and physical betterment of the prisoners will be discussed.

ESTATES APPRAISED.

HENRY HACHEMEISTER, (July 5, 1907;) net estate, $257,901; debt to his wife, $200,000; bank, $49,474; notes, jewelry, and personalty, $13,811; stocks and bonds, $402,491; equity 548-550 Westchester Av., $6,800; equity 625 St. Ann's Av., $17,800; equity 555 Westchester Av., $23,200; property at Tottenville, S. I., $18,522; 3,000 shares George Ringler & Co., brewers, $351,540; five shares New York Fishing Club, $500; bonds Central Trust Company and George Ringler & Co., $50,451.

ADELAIDE B. HARRIS, (Feb. 9, 1913;) supplemental report.

JOHN HICKEY, (May 10, 1909;) deposits, $6,371; net estate, $5,887.

ALICE V. LEAVITT, (Dec. 29, 1913;) supplemental report.

THAW'S QUIET CHRISTMAS.

Expects Mother to Join Him at Manchester, N. H., Today.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—Arrangements for a quiet home-keeping Christmas were made by the Thaw household today, and it was announced that Thaw would remain indoors throughout the day.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, had not arrived tonight from Pittsburgh, but it was understood that she would be here tomorrow.

HOSMER CASE LIKE THAW'S.

Justice Mills Refuses Jury Trial to Bloomingdale Inmate.

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WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 24.—Supreme Court Justice Isaac N. Mills handed down an important decision today in which he says he thinks that it is not proper to grand jury trials to inmates of insane institutions who seek to secure their release through writs of habeas corpus. It was Justice Mills who declined to grant a trial by jury to Harry K. Thaw, when he sought his release through a writ of habeas corpus. Justice Mills wrote the famous decision which sent Thaw back to Matteawan.

Today's decision was brought about by the application of Edward S. Hosmer, a former New York lawyer, who is seeking to be discharged from Bloomingdale Asylum, where he has been confined for some time. He asked for a hearing before a jury, based on the discretionary power of the court to grant the motion.

Justice Mills in his decision says:

"From my experience at the bar and upon the bench, I believe that the question of insanity can in the great majority of cases be far better tried by a Judge or referee than by a jury. It usually involves scientific matters and the testimony of experts, all of which can much better be weighed and considered by the Judge or referee than by the jury."

$5,000 JOB FOR TIERNEY.

Gov. Glynn's Secretary to be a Deputy Commissioner.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Frank A. Tierney, secretary to Gov. Glynn, has been appointed a Deputy Commissioner under the Workmen's Compensation act, and will be in charge of the Albany office of the commission. The salary is $5,000 a year.

Nine other appointments, including that of Edwin S. Harris as special appraiser and examiner of coal lands, were announced.

Mrs. Margaret M. Wagner, wife of Lieut. Gov. Wagner, was named Manager of the Manhattan State Hospital, to succeed Grace Gillett Bird, resigned.

Other appointments follow:

Trustee of the Long Island School of Agriculture — Benjamin Yoakum of Farmingdale, reappointed.

Manager of the Rochester State Hospital—Mrs. Lillian Gosline of Rochester.

Trustee of the Supreme Court Library at White Plains—John F Brennan of Yonkers, reappointed.

Manager of the Willard State Hospital—Thomas E. Moran of Corning.

Manager of the Central Islip State Hospital—Mrs. Bernard M. Baruch of New York City, to succeed Grace M. Dyer, resigned.

Trustee of the New York State Hospital for the Treatment of Incipient Pulmonary Tuberculosis — Dr. Linsley R. Williams of New York City.

Trustee of the Supreme Court Library at Poughkeepsie—Frank B. Lown of Poughkeepsie.

CHESSIN FREE OF ARREST.

Appellate Division Says He Won't Flee from Alienation Suit.

An order for the arrest of Alexander S. Chessin, formerly Professor of Elocution at Columbia University, was vacated yesterday by the Appellate Division. Marshall A. Barney, an attorney, who is suing the professor for the alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Claire T. Barney, obtained the order in the Supreme Court.

In an affidavit Barney alleged that Prof. Chessin began his attentions to Mrs. Barney while both families were living in a hotel on Staten Island. The lawyer said he feared the professor might leave for Russia and avoid the jurisdiction of the court pending the trial of the suit. A bail bond of $2,500 had been furnished for Prof. Chessin.

Bishop Not Liable for Littleton's Fee

James Cunningham Bishop, the banker, is not required to pay counsel fees of $250 to Martin W. Littleton for the latter's services to Mrs. Abigail Hancock Bishop, who divorced the banker, according to a decision of the Appellate Division yesterday reversing the lower court's order. Mr. Littleton appeared in behalf of Mrs. Bishop before Referee Joseph R. Truesdale in proceedings brought by Bishop in his effort to have his wife's alimony reduced from $15,000 to $3,500.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

In Town.

INTERNATIONAL POWER COMPANY.—Following the appointment of a receiver in New Jersey on Dec. 11 for the International Power Company of 30 East Forty-second Street, this city, of which Joseph H. Hoadley was President, a petition in bankruptcy was filed here by Martin W. Littleton, attorney for Alfred H. Hoadley of Providence, a creditor for $55,465 on an assigned claim from Joseph H. Hoadley.

ALTMAN & WERNER.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against David Altman and Victor Werner, individually and as partners in the late firm of Altman & Werner, manufacturers of men's trousers, at 417 Lafayette Street. Liabilities are said to be about $11,000 and assets $4,000.

GEORGE P. MORELL, builder and plumber at 1,652 University Avenue, Bronx, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $21,488 and assets of $18,010.

SILVERMAN & SIEGEL.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Dorothy H. Silverman and Joseph Siegel, dealers in clothing at 1,499 Third Avenue, this city, and 717 Broadway, Brooklyn. Liabilities are $5,000 and assets $1,500.

SAMUEL STEINBERG.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Samuel Steinberg, manufacturer of furs at 106 East Broadway.

HUTCHINSON METAL AND ROOFING COMPANY.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against the Hutchinson Metal and Roofing Company of 1,838 Park Avenue. Judge Hough appointed Harry Osterman receiver, with authority to carry on the business ten days.

ROBINSON TAILORING COMPANY.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Annie Robinson and Margery Epstein, who did business as the Robinson Tailoring Company at 150 Nassau Street. They assigned on Monday.

VICTOR BERNBLIT.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Victor Bernblit, retail furrier, of 2,373 Broadway. He assigned on Wednesday. Liabilities are $4,000 and assets $1,000.

HARRY A. BERMAN, salesman, at 684 Broadway, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $7,584 and no assets.

HARRY WOLF, cutter, at 297 Church Street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $1,663 and no assets.

M. GEORGE TIGAR of 871 Fox Street, Bronx, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $1,555 and no assets.

BASS, SILVERMAN & CO., manufacturers of dresses at 53 West Thirty-sixth Street, have filed schedules showing liabilities of $35,167 and assets of $13,469.

LEVY, SCHWADE & CO., manufacturers of dresses at 14 East Thirty-second Street, have filed schedules showing liabilities of $17,600 and assets of $4,251.

HARLEM PAPER BOX COMPANY of 402 East 104th Street has filed schedules showing liabilities of $1,632 and assets of $2,951.

BLUMBERG & SCHWARTZ, manufacturer of skirts at 36 West Twenty-second Street, have filed schedules showing liabilities of $5,684 and assets of $1,326.

PATTERSON & HARRAL.—Judge Hough has confirmed a composition of Patterson & Harral, jobbers in hardware at 88 White Street, with creditors at 33 1-3 cents on the dollar. Liabilities were $49,000.

JOSEPH M. DODD.—Judge Hough has appointed the Detroit Trust Company ancillary receiver for the property in this city of Joseph M. Dodd of Detroit, Mich.

LOUIS FRANK, manufacturer of cloaks and suits at 33 West Seventeenth Street, has assigned to George H. Williams.

UNITED STATES METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY.—John J. Townsend, referee in bankruptcy, has authorized the receivers of the United States Metal Products Company of 111 Broadway, with a factory at College Point, to issue receivers' certificates for $125,000 to complete the contracts on hand.

Out of Town.

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CHICAGO, Ill.—Louis Falkenau, a builder, voluntary petition. Liabilities, $17,913; assets, $3,789.

Chemical Rubber Company of Chicago, voluntary petition. Liabilities, $29,165; assets, $155,225.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Sol Droverman, clothing and men's furnishings; petition filed. Liabilities, $19,627; assets, $4,150.

JUDGMENTS.

These judgments were filed yesterday in New York County, the first name being that of the debtor:

Algie, Robert J.—D. Darrow, $640.
Alexander, Mary E.—A. Kimbel & Son, Inc., $229.
Alfred E. Norton Co.—J. Drummond, costs, $112.
Advance Realty and Construction Co., William L. Sutphin, and Henry L. Goodwin—M. J. Hall, $10,560.
Avidan, Henry G.—Luythies Bros., Inc., $138.
B. W. R. Realties, Inc.—T. Canzonery, $571.
Balkan, Frank—P. Selmonsky, $111.
Birch, James H.—J. Parson et al., costs, $195.
Brown, Andrew J.—M. Connor, $557.
Bode, Henry C.—E. S. Rosenbluth, $1,769.
Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., Inc.—Glickstein Bros. & Co., $454.
Bigelow, Edwin H.—Speyer Co., Inc., $132.
Cowan, William C.—W. R. Heaton & Co., $264.
Chambers, Frank R.; Edwin Trowbridge Hall, Patrick F. Griffin, and Francis S. Turnbull—R. Braun, costs, $108.
Crawford, Charles B.—B. Lissberger, $390.
Campiglia, Pasquale—T. M. Blake, $117.
Charles E. Haff Co.—Harlem River Truckman and Riggers, Inc., $434.
Central Brewing Co.—W. Lynch, $7,655.
Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad Co.—P. Chaskin, $200.
Demarest, Mary, or Mrs. Warren G. Demarest—American Distilled Water Co., $150.
Dunn, Joseph—Valvoline Oil Co., costs, $125.
Epstein, Leon; Mary Epstein, and Joseph Edelstein—C. Rafalo, $341.
Eisenstein, William—Giannattasio Construction Co., $165.
Enright, Edw. J.—J. I. Moore, $105.
Embessi, John—Sulzberger & Sons Co. of America, $226.
Freed, Abraham—C. Herman, $159.
Feinberg, Samuel—S. Back, $1,014.
Falella, Joseph and Concetta—G. Gass, $3,300.
Fornalik, John—American Sugar Refining Co., costs, $107.
Gillman, Charles F., and Oscar Johnson—E. Leifert, $1,360.
Guterman, Louis H.—A. J. Bloomingdale et al., $527.
Green, Isaac—Acker, Merrall & Condit Co., $114.
Green Mountain Marble Co. and Floyd R. Switzer—National Herkimer County Bank of Little Falls, $381.
George Sykes, Inc.—T. Williams et al., $840.
Gerzog, Bennett G.—W. Wood et al., $219.
Guarantee Waterproofing and Construction Co.—Niemann Table Co., $459.
Gleason, John B.—Mark Cross Co., $1,081.
Gates, Frank H.—W. L. Chambers, $133.
Hornell's Cloak and Suit House, Inc.—L. F. Sturm, $1,348.
Huebner, Emil—R. Coane, $168.
Horton Ice Cream Co.—M. Levitt, $8,300.
Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.—190th St. Realty Co., $126.
Hoffman, Henry—Gibney Tire and Rubber Co., Inc., $258.
Hall, J. Willett—Acker, Merrall & Condit Co., $157.
J. Alexander Mfg. Co.—International Magazine Co., $161.
Kosofsky, Aaron—I. M. Abramson, $475.
Karl, Frank J.—L. Kal, costs, $104.
Kaufman, Benjamin H.—G. Keil, $801.
Kosower, Abraham—N. Glazer, $281.
Kent Building Co.—F. M. Andrews & Co., $2,236.
Koslow Iron Works—American Iron Supply Co., $141.
La Forge, Frank—Streat Coal Co., Inc., $200.
Lyons, John J., Amusement Enterprises, Inc.—H. Rosenwasser et al., $392.
Marovelas, Sirrontis and Peter—D. Klein, $276.
Manheim, Jacob and Louis—R. G. Beattie, $814.
McLaughlin, Thomas F.—G. A. Sipp, $521.
Novich, Mose—Hollywood Co., $942.
Portanovo, Joseph—India Wharf Brewing Co., costs, $107.
Rullman, Louis H.—J. O. Doelle, $1,621.
Rosen, Louis, and Thrall Construction Co.—H. Starssler, $329.
Royal Textile Co., Inc.—Jos. Anderson & Co., Inc., $758.
Rosenblum, Rachael—D. C. Glover, $2,803.
Reichbart, Harry—C. Bielberg et al., $190.
Reinfeld, Irving A.—G. R. Bristor, $100.
Regent Photo Play Corp.—A. Hathaway, $515.
Rothschild, David—M. Hammel, $227.
Sloan, Bernard—W. Weher et al., $182.
Streep, Michael—I. N. Streep, $225.
Silkworth, George—Sage Bros., Inc., $1,476.
Steierman, Julius—J. Coleman et al., $1,367.
Smith, Robert—F. S. Willard Co., $567.
Siegel, Max—E. T. Burrowes Co., $129.
Streep, Michael, and Arthur Hill—J. N. Streep, $473.
Thompson, John H.—E. L. Richards, $359.
Tucker, Russell E.—W. T. Devine, $108.
Tsouros, Anthony—J. E. Conron et al., $254.
Vider, William, and Edw. A. Appell—C. Tellerls, $278.
Watson, Robert A.—C. P. Buchanan, $194.
Worden, Frank S.—Indian Refining Co., $150.
Weichselbaum, Isidore—M. B. Altman, $113.
Wilson, David H., and Myroj R. Elbe—W. E. Bloodgood et al., $472.
Wolff, Jacob, executor—T. Nickemper, $967.
Wilson, Edna; Florence W. Martens, G. Searing Wilson, Graham L. Wilson, and George B. Wilson, Jr.—L. Tannenbaum Strauss Co., Inc., $3,618.
Estey Wire Works Co.—City of New York, $333.
Eleanor Oil Co.—Same, $175.
Ehrman Drug Co.—Same, $102.

In Bronx County.

Buchanan, Lillie, and David H. Epstein—A. Gerbel, $450.
Brooks, Louis, and Ellis Riger—American Iron Supply Co., $224.
Kimmelman, Victor H.—J. F. Friendman, $139.
La Forge, Frank—Streat Coal Co., Inc., $200.
Le Bel, Leopold—Nassau County School, $353.
Reinhardt, Charles J.—Diebold Safe and Lock Co., $191.
Steierman, Julius—J. Coleman et al., $1,367.
Sterns, Thomas G.—E. J. Gilligan, $163.

SATISFIED JUDGMENTS.

The first name is that of the debtor and the second that of the creditor and date when judgment was filed:

Bradley Contracting Co.—A. Payne, Jan. 10, 1914, $2,136.
Carman, William W.—R. Hartman, April 24, 1914, $3,987.
Esserman, Simon, and Harris Goldman—J. Feirstein, Jan. 17, 1911, $234.
Fisher, M. James—J. Falkenstein, Dec. 15, 1914, $2,633.
J. P. Lewis Co.—Union Bag and Paper Co., Nov. 10, 1914, $210.
Liebmann, David—X. Grisez, Jr., April 11, 1913, $10,306.
Same—Same, April 11, 1913, $3,054.
Same—Same, April 11, 1913, $836.
Miller, Clifford L., and John P. Curry—P. Conety, Nov. 23, 1914, $15,116.
McClure Publications, Inc.—L. Purdy et al., Dec. 12, 1914, $117.
Verplanck, William S.—Tomkins Brothers, Dec. 17, 1914, $431.
Wiener, Alexander—L. Brenner, Dec. 17, 1914, $717.
Lawrence, Julia W.—A. Brauer, Feb. 9, 1914, (reversed,) $46,321.

EDUCATION NOTES.

The Committee on Buildings of the Education Department has approved a plan for the mural decoration of the vestibule of the De Witt Clinton High School proposed by the Joint Committee on Mural Painting of the Society of Beaux Arts Architects and the Mural Painters, and granting authority therefor, the decoration to be subject to the approval of the Art Commission and the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Sarah G. Evans, a teacher in P. S. 96, Primary, Manhattan, has applied for a leave of absence without pay to March 10, 1915, to care for her mother, who is seriously ill.

The Committee on Elementary Schools has authorized the organization of classes at Ellis Island for the instruction of alien children under 16 years of age and subject to the compulsory education law.

The Board of Superintendents has recommended that after-school instruction on orchestral instruments be authorized in high schools.

The substitution of chemically prepared mops or dusters for feather dusters in school buildings has been recommended by the Special Committee on Hygiene.

Emmet E. Giltner has been nominated as first assistant in history in the New York Training School for Teachers.

Francis Walker has been nominated as a teacher in the Brooklyn Truant School.

Fern Steig has been nominated as a teacher of physical training in evening high and trade schools.

The Board of Superintendents has submitted a course of study in arithmetic for elementary schools to take the place of the tentative course adopted by the Board of Education on Sept. 25, 1912.

The Board of Retirement has recommended the retirement of twenty-six teachers in elementary schools and two teachers in high schools.

It was as "Mrs. Henrietta Rodman de Fremery" that the Wadleigh High School teacher was suspended on Wednesday until Sept. 1, 1915, despite the fact that she calls herself in public Miss Henrietta Rodman and in private life Mrs. H. De Frem.

The Board of Superintendents has recommended that ten classrooms in P. S. 48, Manhattan, be set aside as an annex to the Julia Richman High School.

The Board of Education Building will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 2.

The Committee on Elementary Schools has accepted the offer of the New York School Lunch Committee to operate a self-sustaining lunch service in P. S. 47, Manhattan.

FOR SALE.

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT WATCHES JAMES BERGMAN 37 MAIDEN LANE

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Reinstatement orders, to take effect Dec. 22: As patrol., first grade, by order of the courts, Frederick Hansen, assigned to Training School, for 30 days, from 10 A. M., Dec. 25.

Assignment ordered: Lt Jos. Brown, 13, to signal box duty, from 4 P. M., Dec. 25.

Temporary assignments: Surgeon M. H. Williams, 9 Surg. Dist., in charge of 7 Surg. District., in addition to his own, for 3 days, from noon, Dec. 27; Sergt. T. T. McNamara, 42, as Act. Lt., for 6 days, from 9 A. M., Dec. 24; Patrol. W. H. Crowley, 4, to Det. Bu., for 5 days, from 4 P. M., Dec. 23; C. S. P. Gaul, 26, to C. O., duty in Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, for 10 days, from 8 A. M., Dec. 28; Joseph Caracciolo and Pasquale Damiano, 26, to B. B. H. Squad, duty in Special Squad 1, for 10 days, from 8 A. M., Dec. 29; John Imperial 28, T. J. O'Brien 29, and W. J. Smith 276, to B. B. H. Squad, duty in Special Squad 1, for 15 days, from 8 A. M., Dec. 29; Charles Comoli and J. E. Feeley, 39, to 5 Insp Dist., for 20 days from 4 P. M., Dec. 25; Salvatore Santoro, 146, and James Pierano, 150, to 9 Insp. Dist., for 10 days, from noon, Dec. 29; J. P. Shea, 171, to Det. Bu., for 10 days, from 6 P. M., Dec. 28.

Leaves with pay: Surgeon D. J. Donovan, 7th Surg. Dist., 3 days from noon Dec. 27, balance of vacation; Capts. C. J. Fahey, 1, 2 days from noon Dec. 28, balance of vacation; Patrick O'Neil, 38, 1 day from 12 P. M. Dec. 30, balance of vacation; J. A. Brady, 39, 2 days from 8 A. M. Dec. 29, balance of vacation; J. J. McKeown, 61, 4 days from 4 P. M. Dec. 27, balance of vacation; Thomas Palmer, 62, 4 days from noon Dec. 27, balance of vacation; O. P. Himmell, 146, 5 days from 8 A. M. Dec. 27, balance of vacation. Without pay: Patrol. W. H. Pross, 36, 1 day from 4 P. M. Dec. 25; Laurence English, 42, 2 days from 4 P. M. Dec. 27; John Pitt, 146, 1 day from 8 A. M. Dec. 25; Charles Daum, 153, 1 day from 12 P. M. Dec. 24; W. E. Arsell, 153, 1 day from 10 A. M. Dec. 25; G. F. Mahoney, 153, 1 day from 10 P. M. Dec. 24; J. J. Gillen, 157, 1 day from 8 A. M. Dec. 22; W. F. Morgan, 158, 1 day from 4 A. M. Dec. 25; J. F. Farrell, 158, 1 day from 10 A. M. Dec. 25; W. A. Carey, 163, 1 day from 8 A. M. Dec. 25; Christopher Hunners, 167, 1 day from 8 A. M. Dec. 25; C. W. Nash, 172, 1 day from 4 P. M. Dec. 25; J. F. Maloney, 172, 1 day from 4 P. M. Dec. 25; J. P. Farrington, 278, 1 day from 4 P. M. Dec. 24; F. L. A. O'Connor, 279, 2 days from 12:01 A. M. Dec. 22.

The following applications for pay are approved: Patrol. H. R. L. Keepers, 40, from 12:25 A. M., July 24, to 12:40 P. M., Dec. 11, while under suspension. While on sick report—Edward Blank, 16, from 9 A. M., Oct. 7, to 12 P. M., Oct. 14; J. J. O'Neill, 29, from 10:30 P. M., Nov. 15, to noon, Nov. 27; J. J. O'Neill, 63, from 3:15 A. M., Dec. 9, during disability; C. J. Cahill, 68, from 3 A. M., Dec. 10, during disability; J. F. V. L. Patton, 79, from 7:55 A. M., Nov. 21, to 12:01 A. M., Nov. 24.

Fined: Patrol. W. H. Hough, 143, absent from post, 5 days; J. C. Muller, 144, improper patrol, 1 day; W. H. Hartigan, 145, absent from post, 5 days; J. G. Keenan, 149, (2 charges,) absent from post 3 days, same 5 days; George Henenlotter, 153, same, 4 days; W. F. Sudbrink, 150, improper patrol, 2 days; J. A. O'Donnell, 156, same, 2 days; Frederick Wenz, 157, same, 2 days; L. S. Offerman, 157, (2 charges,) absent from post 3 days, absent without leave 1 day; J. G. Wolpert, 156, (2 charges,) conversation 5 days, improper patrol 3 days; John Blake, 153, arrested man without cause, 5 days; W. J. Lawlor, 150, failed to signal, 2 days; L. F. Sullivan, 150, (2 charges,) absent from post 5 days, improper patrol 3 days.

Restored to duty: Patrol. T. F. Smith, 21, to take effect 11:33 A. M., Dec. 23.

Suspended from duty: Patrol. T. F. Smith, 21, to take effect 11:40 A. M., Dec. 23; Timothy Daly, 145, to take effect 11:36 A. M., Dec. 23.

THE UNITED SERVICE.

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Army Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Capt. Richard Park, C. E., will report to the Comndg. Gen. Western Dept., for assginment as Asst. to the Engr. of that Dept.

Col. W. McIver, inf., is appointed a director of the National Rifle Assn. of America, vice Lt. Col. Harry C. Hale, 17 Inf.

1st Lt. Verne R. Bell, 1 Cav., to detached; 1st Lt. Albert B. Dockery, cav., from detached, and assigned to the 10 Cav.

Resignation of 1st Lt. Rufus F. Maddux, C. A. C., accepted, Jan. 15.

Capt. David C. Seagrave, O. D., one visit during Dec. to the works of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Co., Carnie Point, N. J.

Officers now unassigned are assigned to the following regiments: Capt. Charles H. Boice, 9 Cav.; Capt. Milosh R. Hilgard, 14 Inf.; 1st Lt. Albert B. Kaempfer, 26 Inf.; 1st Lt. E. Llewellyn Bull, 23 Inf.; 2d Lt. James A. McGrath, 26 Inf.

1st Lts. Martyn H. Shute, 8 Inf., assigned to 26 Inf., and John V. Spring, Jr., 7 Cav., to 9 Cav., both Jan. 1.

Leaves: 1st Lt. Chester J. Goodier, C. A. C., 2 months; Col. Geo. T. Bartlett, C. A. C., 1 month; 1st Lt. Rufus F. Maddux, C. A. C., ext'd to include Jan. 15.

Navy Orders.

Rear Adm. W. N. Little, on retired list from Dec. 31 and to home.

Capt. G. Kaemmerling, Bureau Steam Engineering, to New York Shipbldg. Co., Camden, N. J.

Comdr. L. R. De Steigner, Norfolk Yard to com'd recvg. ship at New York.

Lt. F. X. Gygax, detached radio station, Tuckerton, N. J., to connection fitting out G-3 and in comd. when commissioned.

Lt. W. L. Pryor, detached Virginia, to Ericsson.

Lt. C. C. Hartigan, South Carolina to Dolphin; J. W. Wilcox, Dolphin to Virginia; L. H. Shaw, Tallahassee to South Carolina.

Jr. Lt. G. E. Meredith, detached all duty, to home.

Ens. W. V. Coombs, Chester to Fulton.

Med. Insprs. R. Kennedy, Navy Dispensary, Washn., to command Solace; C. H. T. Lowndes, Marine Barracks, Washn., to Naval Dispensary, Washn., D. C.

Surgn. J. Stepp, Naval Dispensary, to Marine Barracks, Washn., D. C.

P. A. Surgns. D. G. Allen, 5 Regt. of Marines, to New Hampshire; H. Shaw, to New York Yard; L. Sheldon, Naval Med. School, Wash'n, to Naval Dispensary, Wash'n, D. C.

A. A. Surgn. M. E. Rose, 5 Regt. of Marines, to Charleston Yard.

Capt. J. B. Frazier, Wash'n, to Naval Training Station, St. Helena, Va.

Nav. Constrs. G. S. Radford, Bureau of Constr'n, to Norfalk (Va.) Yard; S. M. Henry, Norfolk (Va.) Yard, to Bureau of Constr'n, Navy Dept.; J. D. Bueret, Dept. of Justice, Wash'n, D. C., to Bureau of Constr'n; W. C. Dubose, Bureau of Constr'n, to Norfolk (Va.) Yard; R. M. Watt, Bureau of Constr'n, to Norfolk (Va.) Yard; H. G. Gillmore, Norfolk Yard, to Dept. of Justice, Wash'n, D. C.; W. McEnted, Fore River Shipbldg. Co., Quincy, Mass., to Wash'n (D. C.) Yard.

Civ. Engrs. C. W. Parks, Phila. Yard, to naval station, Honolulu; C. Paul, Phila. Yard, to New Orleans (La.) Yard; E. R. Gayler, Bureau of Yards, to Washn. (D. C.) Yard; F. R. Harris, New York Yard, to Phila. (Penn.) Yard; R. C. Hollyday, Washn. (D. C.) Yard, to Norfolk Yard; L. M. Cox, Norfolk Yard, to New York Yard.

Asst. Civ. Engrs. G. S. Burrell, Boston Yard, to naval station, Honolulu; R. N. Warfield, Puget Sound (Wash.) Yard, to Boston Yard.

Naval Vessels.

Arrived—Balch and Marietta, at New York Yard; Uncas, at Philadelphia; Preston, at Tompkinsville; Nashville, at Portsmouth; Mars, at San Francisco; Stewart, at San Diego; Hancock, at Philadelphia; Monaghan, at Charleston; San Diego and Glacier, at Mazatlan.

Sailed—Cyclops, Key West for Vera Cruz; Raleigh, Salina Cruz for Mazatlan.

The Rainbow placed out of commission Dec. 23 at the Mare Island Yard and the Prometheus placed in commission at the same yard Dec. 23.

WILLS FOR PROBATE.

BLUME, YETTE, (Dec. 17;) personalty, $525; all to husband, Moses.

CLEARY, ELLEN, (Dec. 18;) personalty, $60; to sister Nora.

GARLAND, LENA, (Nov. 4;) personalty, over $10,000; all equally to children—Edward S., Emma H., and Sophia.

HERMANN, CAROLINE, (Dec. 3;) personalty, $2,000; Samuel Hermann, $702; Fred'k Hermann, $30; Max Hermann, $40; Margaret Hermann, $50; Philip and Harry Hermann, $20 each; jewelry, &c., to children.

KERR, JOHN L., (Nov. 14;) realty, $250; personalty, $25,000; all to widow, Gertrude A.

ROSENBUSH, CAROLINA, (May 28;) personalty, $1,400; Recha Roethler, $200; Seminary of Wuerzburg, Germany, $200; Jenny Lindenborn, $125; Fannie Mausbach, $100; Simon Stern and Emanuel Rosenbush, $50 each; Sophie Nachman and Mollie Stern, personal property.

WRIGHT, DUTTON O., (Dec. 12;) personalty, over $10,000; to widow, all furniture, jewelry, &c., and ¼ residue; ¼ of residue each to children—Virginia, Robert, and Wm. Dutton Wright.

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FINANCIAL MARKETS

Prices Close Lower After Firmer Opening—Foreign Liquidation Small.

If any large part of the selling which brought a further reaction in prices on the Stock Exchange yesterday after a firm opening represented foreign liquidation the exchange market would hardly have acted as it did. Once again sterling exchange, which had risen on Wednesday to close to the par of exchange, sold down nearly a cent to the pound. This presented what seemed like very substantial evidence against the assumption that a large amount of stock was being shipped to this side for sale here. If it was coming it would have to be remitted for, and even if the exchange were not purchased immediately the market would reflect this impending demand.

That some liquidation has been going on is, of course, well known; but unless the selling from abroad should reach a large total it need cause no concern. Selling from the other side in view of the special circumstances of the time has to be considered rather in respect to its influence on the exchange market than in respect to its influence upon prices. A rise in exchange which would force out gold would impair the position here to a much larger extent than would a temporary decline in quoted values reflecting no deterioration in conditions, but merely a desire on the part of Europe to realize on some of its holdings of American securities.

If that selling were confined to a volume which would be covered in the exchange market without bringing it to a point at which gold might again be taken, there would be obvious advantage to us in such a process. As a matter of fact, the exchange market seems to indicate on one hand that foreign liquidation is not going on in any large volume, while on the other it reflects the growing balance of trade in our favor. Present indications are that this month will show even better results than November, when we had a credit merchandise trade balance of close to $80,000,000.

The stock market may be assumed now to be reflecting the uncertainties attendant upon a trade situation which is still feeling and must in the natural order of things continue for a good while to feel the effects of the disorganization caused by the war. But it is fair to assume that readjustments already begun or likely soon to make their appearance will from this time on furnish a certain offset to any further reflection of the difficulties growing out of the war. The steel trade is already showing a recovery from the worst of recent experience. It is estimated that new orders are reaching the chief interest in the steel trade at the rate of about 50 per cent. of capacity. At the beginning of November the new orders were very little, if any, above the then current rate of production, which was about 30 per cent. of capacity. An increase in the Steel Corporation's unfilled orders is forecast in tre trade, and the course of events seems to justify the hope of further improvement expressed early in the week by the management of the Steel Corporation when it decided not to resort to a general wage reduction at this time. It is not alone from the steel trade that suggestions of improvement came. The chief of the traffic department of one of the biggest of the Eastern railroad systems has reported to his fellow-officers signs of a substantial improvement in the volume of this system's traffic. Such suggestions furnish real ground for encouragement.

The market reflected in the early trading the good news of the declaration of the regular New York Central dividend. Pennsylvania, which the previous day was sharply depressed on the news of the reduction in the Pennsylvania Company's dividend, opened at an advance of 2 points, and both of these stocks showed a net gain for the day, although they both shared in the reaction which followed the opening. Short selling seemed to play a large part in Wednesday's break, and short covering was a factor in the early recovery yesterday. Trading was much reduced in volume, no more being done yesterday than during the two-hour session on the day the Exchange resumerd public trading in stocks. The bond market on the floor was duller than on any previous day of the year.

Following the lead of the Imperial Bank of Germany, the Bank of Austria was reported yesterday to have reduced its discount rate, fixing it at 5½ per cent. The weekly statement of the Bank of England, despite a loss in gold, showed the highest percentage of reserve reported since the outbreak of the war, 34.40 per cent.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

RESERVE BANKS DISCOUNT RATES.

	30 or Less.	Days. 30 to 60.	60 to 90.
Boston	5	5½	6
New York	4½	5	5
Philadelphia	5	5	5
Cleveland	5	5½	6
Richmond	5	5½	6
Atlanta	4½	5	5
Chicago	4½	5	5
St. Louis	5	5½	6
Minneapolis	5	5½	6
Kansas City	5½	6	6
Dallas	5	5½	6
San Francisco	5	5½	6

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES.

Cable and Sight Rates.

	High.	Low.	Last.
Demand sterling	$4.86⅝	$4.85½	$4.85⅝
Cables	4.87⅛	4.86½	4.86⅝

Closing Rates.

	Demand (or check.)	Cable.
London	$4.85⅝	$4.86⅝
Paris	5.15½	5.14⅞
Berlin	.88⅝	.88¾
Switzerland	5.22½	5.21½
Holland	.40½	.40¾
Italy	5.31½	5.31

New York Clearing House exchanges, $225,072,984; balance, $12,334,729; Sub-Treasury credit balance, $601,647. The local banks have lost $6,581,000 on their Sub-Treasury operations since Friday.

Exchanges at New York at domestic centres; Boston, par; Chicago, par; St. Louis, 30c. discount; San Francisco, 20c. premium; Minneapolis, 45c. premium; Cincinnati, par; Montreal, $7.50 premium.

SILVER QUOTATIONS.

Bar silver in London, 22 11-16d., up 3-16d.; in New York, 48⅝c., up ⅜c.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Receipts and expenditures for Dec. 23:

	Dec. 23.	Month.	Fiscal Year.
Customs	$559,254	$11,782,605	$104,624,557
Ordinary	1,341,861	26,308,343	158,471,116
Cor. & in. tax	6,779	284,810	9,017,098
Miscellaneous	336,948	3,225,928	35,146,712
Total	2,244,844	41,601,687	307,259,484
Expenditures	1,887,688	45,540,138	368,371,158
Surplus	357,156	......	......
Deficit	......	3,938,450	61,111,674

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1914.

	Stocks, (Shares.)
Total sales	107,923
Same day last year	Holiday.
Total year to date	47,558,211
Same period last year	81,728,672
Average price and change 50 stocks	.. ..
Same day last year	*Holiday.

	High.	Low.
This year's range	73.30 Jan. 31	57.41 July 30
Range year 1913	79.10 Jan. 9	63.09 June 10

*Previous day's close 68.19.

Closing. Bid.	Ask.	Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Chge.
24	24⅜	1,000	Alaska Gold Mines	24	24¼	23¾	24¼	+ ⅛
8	8¼	252	Allis-Chalmers Mfg	8	8	8	8	...
49¾	50	11,200	Amalgamated Cop	49¾	50⅝	48¾	50	+ ⅛
31	32	1,600	Am. Beet Sugar	31¼	31⅞	31	31⅛	+ ⅛
23½	24	1,200	Am. Can	22⅞	24	22⅞	24	+ ⅝
87	88¾	200	Am. Can pf	88	88	87¾	87¾	− ¾
42½	43½	300	Am. Car & Fdry	45	45	42½	42½	−2½
38	39	200	Am. Cotton Oil	38⅛	38½	38½	38½	−1½
4⅝	5	40	Am. H. & Leather	5	5	5	5	...
20¼	21	500	Am. Ice Securities	20¼	20½	20¼	20¼	...
7	8	100	Am. Linseed	7½	7½	7½	7½	...
21½	23	200	Am. Locomotive	21	21⅝	21	21⅝	− ⅝
54⅛	54¼	1,200	Am. Smelt. & Ref	54¾	54¾	53½	54⅛	− ⅞
102	104	200	Am. Sugar Refin	101⅞	101⅞	101⅞	101⅞	−4½
112	114	100	Am. Sugar Ref. pf	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞	+ ⅞
116⅛	117	200	Am. Teleph. & Tel	116⅝	116⅝	116⅝	116⅝	+ ⅝
24¼	24½	500	Anaconda Cop. Co	24¾	24¾	24¾	24½	+ ½
5	6	200	Assets Realization	5	5	5	5	+ ¼
89⅝	90	2,300	Atch., Top. & S. F	90	90½	89½	89¾	...
98	100	100	Atch., T. & S. F. pf	99	99	99	99	− ¼
67	67¼	935	Baltimore & Ohio	67¼	67⅝	67	67	+1
½	¾	1,000	Batopilas Mining	¾	¾	¾	¾	− ¼
42⅝	43¼	2,100	Bethlehem Steel	42¾	43	42⅞	42¾	− ¼
84	85	300	Bklyn Rapid Tran	84	84¾	84	84¾	+ ½
118	121	100	Bklyn Union Gas	118	118	118	118	+ ¾
15¼	16	200	California Petrol	16	16	15¼	15¼	−2
153⅜	153¾	3,800	Canadian Pacific	154	154½	153	154¼	+ ⅛
36	36½	2,500	Central Leather Co	36¼	36⅝	35⅞	36	+ ⅝
40⅛	41⅛	800	Chesapeake & Ohio	40⅝	40⅞	40½	40½	− ⅜
9	10¼	100	Chicago & Alton	9½	9½	9½	9½	− ¾
10	10¼	500	Chi. Gt. Western	10⅛	10¼	10	10¼	...
27	28	100	Chi. Gt. West. pf	28	28	28	28	...
85	85½	1,750	Chi., Mil. & St. P	85½	86	85	85½	+ ⅞
122	123½	200	Chi. & Northwest	122½	122½	122½	122½	+ ½
31¾	32⅛	1,675	Chino Copper	31⅞	32⅛	31⅝	32	−2½
112½	113	100	Consolidated Gas	113	113	113	113	+ ⅛
..	..	2,000	Consol. Gas rights	2 3-16	2¼	2 3-16	2 3-16	+ ½
8	8⅛	200	Corn Products Ref	8	8	8	8	...
138¾	140¾	110	Delaware & Hud	138¾	138¾	138¾	138¾	− ⅝
6	6½	100	Den. & Rio Grande	6	6	6	6	−3¼
11	12½	100	Distillers' Secur	12	12	12	12	...
21	21⅛	2,700	Erie	21	21⅝	20½	21	− ½
32¾	33¾	810	Erie 1st pf	33	33	32½	32½	− ½
77	79	600	General Motors	76⅞	77	76¼	76⅞	− ¼
111¾	112¼	920	Gt. Northern pf	112½	112⅞	112	112	−1
23	24¾	300	G. N. crts. ore prop	24	24½	24	24	+1⅛
43½	44¼	100	Guggenheim Explor	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾	...
112	117½	5	Homestake Mining	115	115	115	115	−1
107	110	100	Illinois Central	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾	−1¼
15⅞	16	100	Inspiration Copper	16	16	16	16	...
11⅝	12	200	Inter.-Met. v. tr.cfs	12⅛	12⅛	12	12	− ¼
20½	21⅜	100	Kansas City South	21	21	21	21	+ ½
127½	128	3,120	Lehigh Valley x d	128	129¼	126	127¼	+ ⅞
..	30	100	Loose-Wiles Biscuit	26	26	26	26	− ¾
70	70⅛	100	Mackay Cos	70	70	70	70	−1
..	128½	26	Manhattan Elevat	128¼	128¼	128¼	128¼	...
14	14½	100	Maxwell Motors	14½	14½	14½	14½	− ½
40	43	110	Maxwell Mot. 1st pf	41½	41½	41½	41½	...
16	17	100	Maxwell Mot. 2d pf	17	17	17	17	...
51	53	100	Mexican Petroleum	52	52	52	52	...
17	17¼	500	Miami Copper	17	17	17	17	+1
102	105	100	M., St. P. & S. S. M	105	105	105	105	...
9½	9⅞	200	Mo., Kansas & Tex	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	−3
9	9½	200	Missouri Pacific	9¼	9½	9¼	9½	+ ⅜
120	123	100	Nat. Biscuit Co	120½	120½	120½	120½	− ⅝
118	122	100	Nat. Biscuit Co. pf	120½	120½	120½	120½	...
10	10¾	100	Nat. Enam. & St	10	10	10	10	−1½
43	46	300	Nat. Lead Co	43	43½	43	43½	...
11¼	11¾	300	Nevada Con. Cop	11½	11½	11½	11½	−2½
82	82¼	2,010	N. Y. Central	82	82¾	81⅝	81¾	+ ⅞
53½	54	700	N. Y., N. H. & H	54	54	53	53	+ ½
20	21	100	N. Y., Ont. & West	20⅜	20⅝	20⅜	20⅜	− ½
97	97¼	4,220	Northern Pacific	98½	98⅝	96⅞	97½	...
19¼	20	200	Pacific Mail	19½	19½	19¼	19¼	− ⅛
103	103¼	5,410	Pennsylvania R. R	104½	104½	102⅝	103	− ¼
33¾	34	300	Pressed Steel Car	34⅜	34⅜	33¾	33¾	+ ½
150	151	100	Pullman Co	150¼	150¼	150¼	150¼	+ ½
1⅛	1¼	200	Quicksilver	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	+ ¾
..	90	100	Ry. Steel Spring pf	88	88	88	88	− ¾
..	15	175	Ray Consol. Copper	15	15	15	15	− ⅛
141	141¼	17,200	Reading	140	142	139½	141¼	...
18	19	300	Rep. Iron & Steel	18	18	18	18	...
..	75	100	Rep. Iron & S. pf	75⅛	75⅛	75⅛	75⅛	+ ⅞
⅝	⅞	300	Rock Island Co	¾	⅞	⅝	⅝	−1
¾	1	700	Rock Island Co. pf	1⅜	1⅜	1	1	+ ⅛
3¾	4¾	200	Rumely (M.) Co	4	4	4	4	− ⅛
2¾	3⅛	200	St. L. & S. F. 2d pf	3	3	3	3	− ⅜
10¼	11¼	300	Seaboard Air Line	11	11	10¼	10¼	+ ⅛
..	121	210	Sears, Roebuck pf	121	121	120	120	+ ¾
22	24	100	Sloss-Shef. Steel & I	22½	22½	22½	22½	−1⅛
..	81	3,500	Southern Pacific	81	81¾	81	81	−1
..	14	310	Southern Ry. ext	14	14	14	14	+ ⅛
..	58	4,000	South. Ry. pf. ext	58	58	58	58	− ⅛
30¼	31¼	500	Tennessee Copper	30½	30½	30	30½	−1
11½	13	125	Texas & Pacific	12	12	12	12	−6
34½	35	300	Third Avenue	35¼	35⅝	35	35	+ ⅞
3½	5	100	Tol., St. L. & W. pf	4⅝	4¾	4¾	4¾	− ½
113¾	114¼	5,300	Union Pacific	114⅝	115⅝	113	114	− ¼
..	..	300	Union Pac. war'nts	27⅛	27¼	27⅛	27¼	− ¼
78	80	200	Union Pacific pf	79	79	79	79	+ ¼
40⅛	42¼	100	United Cigar Mfrs	41	41	41	41	...
101	101⅞	25	U. S. Rubber 1st pf	101	101	101	101	+ ½
..	48	8,965	U. S. Steel	48	48¼	48	48	...
103½	104	300	U. S. Steel pf	103¼	104	103¼	104	...
46¼	46½	500	Utah Copper	47	47	46¼	46½	...
..	17	110	Va.-Carolina Chem	17	17	17	17	+ ¼
¾	⅞	200	Wabash	⅞	⅞	¾	¾	− ¼
14½	17½	100	Western Maryland	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	− ⅛
55¾	57½	10	Western Union Tel	55¾	55¾	55¾	55¾	...

BID AND ASKED QUOTATIONS.

Closing quotations for Government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
2s, r, 1930	96	..
2s, c, 1930	96	..
3s, r, 1918	100	..
3s, c, 1918	100	..
4s, r, 1925	108⅛	..
4s, c, 1925	109⅛	..
Pan 2s, r, 1936	95¾	..
Pan 2s, r, 1938	95½	..
Pan 3s, r, 1961	98½	..
Pan 3s, c, 1961	99	..
Ph'p'ne 4s	..	99

Closing quotations for stocks in which there were no transactions:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Ex.	..	88
Allis-C pf	34½	37
Am Ag Ch	..	48
Am Ag Ch pf	90	92
A B S pf	77½	86
A B S & Fdy	..	97
Am C pf	111	115
Am C Pr	..	83
Am C Pr pf	104	105
Am Cot O pf	90	98
Am Exp	..	97
A H & L pf	..	19½
Am Lin pf	..	25
Am Loc pf	..	97½
Am Malt	4	6
Am M pf	..	83
A S pf, B	..	79½
A S & R pf	98	100
Am Snuff	..	155
A St F'd's	26	32
A T & C.	58	..
Am Tob	215	221
Do pf	101½	104
Am Wool	14	20
Do pf	73¼	77
Am Wr Pa pf	..	11
At C L	..	102
Bald Loc	..	40
Do pf	102⅝	105
B & O pf	..	69
Beth St pf	86	89½
Br Sh pf	..	85
Bruns Ter	..	7½
B R & P	..	90
But'k Co	..	28
Cal Pet pf	..	52
Can So	57½	..
Case (J I) pf	..	81
Cen Lea pf	100	100¾
C R R of N J	..	310
C & S A T	106¼	114
Chi, St P, M & Om	..	132
Do pf	..	150
Chi & Alt pf	..	15
C, M & St P pf	..	126
C. C. C. & St L	21	40
Do pf	40	..
Cluett-P	..	67
Do pf	96	100
Col F & I	20	23
Col South	20	..
Do 1st pf	37	42
Do 2d pf	29	..
Cont Can	..	42
Do pf	87	88
Corn P R pf	63	65
Crex Carp	..	75
Cub-Am S	..	48
Do pf	90	92
D & Co pf	..	90
D L & W	385	400
D & R G pf	8½	9¼
Det Ed	..	113
Det & M	80	..
Do pf	80	..
D Un Ry	..	68½
Dul, S S & A	..	5
Do pf	..	12
Erie 2d pf	26	29
Fed M & S	..	10
Do pf	28	35
Gen Chem	167	170
Do pf	108	114
Gen Elec	137	138
Gen M pf	89	91
G'drich (B F.) Co	23¼	24⅛
Do pf	91	95
Hav E Ry, L & P	..	79
Do pf	..	95
Helme (G W.) Co	160	168
Do pf	..	113
Inger-R	105	..
Do pf	92	..
Int Agric	..	12
Do pf	..	20
*Int H	88½	89
Do pf	..	116⅛
*Int H Cp	..	78
Do pf	..	115
Int-Met pf	..	50
Int Paper	7½	8¼
Do pf	31	33
Int S P	..	3
Do pf	5	..
Iowa Cen	..	8
Do pf	..	13
K C, F S & M pf	..	67
K C S pf	50⅞	58
Kayser (J) & Co	..	84
Do 1st pf	104	..
K & D M	3	10
Do pf	86	..
Kresge (S S) Co	92	97
Do pf	98	102
Lack St	25⅛	36
Lacl Gas	85	90
L E & W	..	5
Lig & M	205	215
Do pf	113	115
Loose W B 1st pf	100	103
Do 2d pf	..	94¾
Lorill'd Co	..	170
Do pf	..	115
M'kay Cos pf	67	68
M Dep St	..	56
Do pf	..	96½
M Marine	¾	1⅛
Do pf	2	8
M & St L	..	11
Do pf	..	27
M, St P & S S M pf	..	130
Do l l	73	82
M, K & T pf	26	28½
Mon Power	..	41
Do pf	..	100
Mor & E	156	167
N, C & St L	..	135
Nat En pf	76	90
Nat Ld pf	104	107⅞
Nat Rys of M 1st pf	..	26
Do 2d pf	4⅝	7
N Y A B	..	57
N Y, L & W	112	120
Norf So	..	26½
Norf & W	98	98½
Do pf	83	89
N Am	66	68¾
Ont Min	2	3
Pabst B pf	90	115
P T & T	25	26½
Do pf	87	89¾
Pett-Mull	12	27
Do 1st pf	70	90
P G, Chi	113	116
Pitts, C, C & St L	66	89
Do pf	..	100
Pitts C	..	15
Do pf	79	80
Pitts St pf	..	92
Pr St C pf	..	101¼
P Serv Cp	..	108
Quick pf	1¼	2
Ry St S	20	23
Read 1st pf	..	86½
Do 2d pf	..	80
Rumely (M) Co pf	..	21
St L & S F	2	2½
Do 1st pf	10	14
St L S	..	20
Do pf	..	38
Sea A L pf	..	40
Sears-R	177	178
S P R S pf	..	100
St'd Mill	43	45
Do pf	67	68⅞
Stude Co	30⅝	32
Do pf	85	87½
Texas Co	126	128
T P L Tr	96	..
Tol, St L & W	..	8
T C R T	95½	97
Under'd T	..	70
Do pf	..	102
U B & P	4¼	5¼
Do pf	20½	30
U C M pf	..	103⅛
Un Dry G pf	35	60
U R Inv	7	8
Do pf	22	24
U S C I Pipe	7½	9
U S Exp	..	83
U S Ind A	..	20
Do pf	..	75
U S R & I	..	51
U S Rub	52	53½
Va-C Ch	..	85
V R & P	..	48
Do pf	..	96¾
Vulcan D	..	11
Wabash pf	1⅝	2¼
W F Exp	..	80
W E & M	66½	67
Do 1st pf	..	116
Wey-Br	..	280
Do pf	..	115
W & L E	2	3
Do 1st pf	7	15
Do 2d pf	3	4
Wis Cen	31	39
Wool'th (F W)	89½	92
Do pf	..	115

*Ex dividend.

PUBLIC UTILITY SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Asked.
Adirondack Electric Power	13	16
Adirondack Electric Power pf	41	45
*†American Gas & Electric	88	91
*American Gas & Electric pf	46	48
American Power & Light	62	65
American Power & Light pf	82	85
American Public Utilities	35	45
†American Public Utilities pf	64	68
American Water Works & Electric	5	6
Am. W. W. & E. participating pf	17	20
Am. W. W. & E. 1st pf	56	59
Cities Service	45	48
Cities Service pf	52	54
Colorado Power	13	15
Colorado Power pf	80	85
Commonwealth P. R. & L.	54	56
Commonwealth P. R. & L. pf	78½	80
Colorado Power Co	13½	15
Colorado Power pf	85	90
Denver Gas & Electric gen. 5s	89½	92
Electric Bond Deposit pf	40	60
Electric Bond & Share pf	97	100
Empire District Electric 5s	..	71
Empire District Electric pf	..	70
Federal Light & Traction	10	16
Federal Light & Traction pf	47	53
Gas & Electric Securities	..	75
Gas & Electric Securities pf	..	80
Lincoln Gas & Electric	15	25
Northern Ontario Light & Pow	11	15
Northern Ontario L. & P. pf	58	57
Northern States Power	20½	22¼
Northern States Power pf	80	82
Ozark Power & Water	..	20
Pacific Gas & Electric	43	44
Pacific Gas & Electric pf	80	83
Republic Ry. & Light Co	18	21
Republic Ry. & Light Co. pf	68	71
Southern California Edison	76	80
Southern California Edison pf	90	92
*Standard Gas & Electric	5½	7
*Standard Gas & Electric pf	17½	19
Tennessee Ry., Light & Power	7	9
Tennessee Ry., Light & Power pf	35	42
United Light & Rys	43	46
United Light & Rys. 1st pf	68	72
United Light & Rys. 2d pf	65	68
Utah Securities	14	16
Western Power	13	15
Western Power pf	56	59

*Par value $50. †Ex dividend.

MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Alta	.05
Andes	.01
Best & Belcher	.06
Bullion	.01
Caledonia	.35
Confidence	.10
Con. Cal. & Va.	.13
Crown Point	.34
Gould & Curry	.01
Hale & Norcross	.03
Justice	.02
Kentucky Con.	.02
Mexican	.35
Occidental Con.	.85
Ophir	.09
Overman	.12
Seg Belcher	.05
Sierra Nevada	.06
Union Con.	.07
C. O. D.	.08

TONOPAH.

Belmont	4.40
Jim Butler	.75
McNamara	.01
Midway	.07
Mizpah Ext.	.30
Montana	.35
North Star	.16
Rescue Eula	.06
Ton. Ext.	2.60
Ton. Merger	.36
West End	.59
Comb. Fraction	.10
Diamond Daisy	.10
Dia. Black B.	.06
Florence	.66
Goldfield Con.	1.50
Goldfield Merger	.38
Jumbo Extension	2.95
Lone Star	.13
Silver Pick	.13
Vernal	.05
Nevada Hills	.27
Round Mountain	.44

GOLDFIELD.

Atlanta	.49
Booth	.19

MANHATTAN.

Manhattan Con.	.02
Man. Big Four	.09

Both San Francisco Exchanges adjourned to Monday.

COLORADO.

	Bid.	Asked.
Dr. J'pot	10¼	10¾
Elkton	46¾	48½
El Paso	150	185
Findley	2	2¼
G'd Dollar	4½	5¼
Isabella	13	13¼
Jackpot	6½	8
McKinney	40	42
Old Gold	..	1½
Portland	110	115
Vindicator	115	124
R. B. H.	3¼	4

Paris Prices Steady.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Prices were steady on the Bourse today. Three per cent. rentes, 70 francs 25 centimes for cash. Exchange on London, 25 francs to 25 francs 15 centimes.

OUTSIDE SECURITIES

Prices Little Changed in Dull Session of Trading in the Curb Market.

Transactions in the outside security market yesterday amounted to 131,785 shares of stock and $31,000 of bonds. The sales of stocks were divided as follows: Industrials, 17,290; oils, 595, and mining, 113,900. In addition there were sales of 600 rights. The range of prices in all issues in which transactions were recorded were:

INDUSTRIALS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
200	†B.-A. T. Co., ord. bearer	17	17⅛	17	17⅛
9,000	Corp. of R.&H.	7	7⅞	6⅞	7
100	‡Houston Oil	10	10	10	10
10	Kelly S. Tire	66	66	66	66
60	Nat.C. & Suit	45	45	44	44
15	Stew.War. Sp.	51½	51½	51½	51½
100	Sterling Gum	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
825	U. C. S., new	9	9⅛	8⅞	9¼
2,000	U. P. S. Corp.	16⅛	16⅞	16⅛	16¼
4,500	U. P. S. new	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
480	‡World Film	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝

MISCELLANEOUS RIGHTS.

600	Det. Edison	1 1-16	1⅜	1 1-16	1⅜

STANDARD OIL SUBSIDIARIES.

		High.	Low.	Last.	Net Chge.
200	Anglo-Am. Oil	15	14¾	14¾	..
150	Ohio Oil	185	183	185	+ 2
150	Pierce Oil, new	16	15¼	15¼	..
10	Prai. O. & G.	459	459	459	+ 4
30	S. O. of Cal.	305	304	305	..
8	S. O. of Ind.	470	465	465	..
15	S. O. of N. J.	402	399	399	− 1
30	S. O. of N. Y.	200	200	200	+ 1
2	Vacuum Oil	198	198	198	− 1

MINING STOCKS.

		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
32,000	*†Atlanta	46	51	46	50
9,000	*Booth	20	20	18	19½
5,700	‡Blue Bell	4½	5	4½	5
100	Braden Cop.	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
1,700	*Carib. Copp.	63	64	63	64
1,000	Comb. Fract.	10	11	10	11
2,000	*C. O. D. Con.	8½	8½	8	8
400	Con. Ar. Sm.	⅜	[illegible]	⅜	⅜
1,600	Con. Nev.-U.	¼	[illegible]	¼	[illegible]
700	Crown Res.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10,000	*Dia. Bl'k B.	6½	7½	6½	6½
200	Gold Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
100	Goldfield C.	1 9-16	1 9-16	1 9-16	1 9-16
4,000	*Goldfield M.	37	37	36	37
12,900	Jumbo Ex.	[illegible]	2⅞	[illegible]	2⅞
200	Kerr Lake	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
5,500	‡Kewanas	28½	29½	28½	29
2,500	Lone Star	13	14	13	13½
100	M. of A., new	2½	2½	2½	2½
200	*Nevada Hills	28	28	28	28
400	Nipissing M.	6	6	5⅞	5⅞
16,000	*‡Oro	13	15½	13	15
1,000	*Sand Ken.	15½	15½	15½	15½
2,000	*Silver Pick	14	14	13	13
200	Stand. S.-L.	1¼	1⅜	1¼	1⅜
900	Stewart	1½	1½	[illegible]	1½
200	Tonopah Ex.	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾
1,000	*Tonopah M.	36	36	36	36
500	*Tonopah M.	30	30	30	30
800	West E. C.	57	57	57	57
1,500	*West E. Ex.	3	3	3	3

BOND.

$31,000..C. & NW. 5s. 106½ 106½ 106½ 106½

*Sell cents per share. †Odd lot. ‡Unlisted.

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Bid and asked quotations of issues not traded in compared with those of previous day:

INDUSTRIALS.

	Dec. 24. Bid.	Asked.	Dec. 23. Bid.	Asked.
British-Am. Tob. Co., ordinary	16¾	17	16¾	17
Electric Boat	20	26	20	26
Electric Boat pf	38	45	38	45
Inter. Rub. Tr. ctfs	5½	6½	5½	6½
Kelly Springfield Tire new 1st pf	75	79	75	79
Kelly Springfield Tire new 2d pf	93	97	93	97
Lehigh Val. C. S. Co.	160	170	155	170
Manhattan Transit	½	¾	½	¾
Marconi of America	2¼	2⅜	2¼	2⅜
Riker & Heg., new	6½	7	6½	7
Savoy Oil	7	8	7	8
Tobacco Products pf	84½	86	84½	86
Un. Cigar Stores Co.	90	92	90	92
Wayland Oil & Gas	3¼	3½	3¼	3½
Willys Overland	84	85½	84	85½
Willys Overland pf	92	94	92	94

MISCELLANEOUS RIGHT.

R. J. Reynolds	2½	2¾	2½	2¾

MINING STOCKS.

Beaver Consolidated	21	23	20	21
Canada Copper	1¼	1⅜	1¼	1⅜
El Paso Con.	1⅝	2¼	1¾	2¼
Florence	60	62	60	62
Gold Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greene-Cananea	24	26	24	26
Greenwater	4	5	4	5
Halifax Tonopah	30	34	32	35
Kerr Lake	4½	4⅝	4½	4¾
La Rose Consolidated	⅝	¾	⅝	¾
McKinley-Darragh	55	60	55	60
North Butte Dev.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Smelters	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tonopah-Mining	7¼	7⅝	7½	7¾
Tularosa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tuolumne Copper	20	25	30	35
Wett. Silver Mines	5	7	5	8
Yukon Gold Mines	2⅛	2¼	2⅛	2¼

BONDS.

Chic. Elev. 5s	94	98	94	98
N. Y. C. 4½s, 1960	98	98½	98	98½
N. Y. C. 4½s, 1962	98	98½	98	98⅛
N. Y. C. 4½s, 1964	98	98⅛	98	98⅛

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

Business on the Consolidated Stock Exchange enlarged in volume, the increase compared with the day before being a substantial one. After early firmness prices declined, but they rallied toward the close. Dealings in United States Steel decreased decidedly, the fact that the stock had touched its minimum price, agreed upon when the Wall Street exchanges re-opened, exerting a restricting effect upon the trading. Sales of Steel were made at 48 to 48¼ and back again to 48, that being the minimum, but the final sale of the day was at 48⅛. Canadian Pacific was another stock dealt in at the minimum price fixed for it. Commission houses again handled a large number of odd-lot orders.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
10	Alaska Gold	24¼	24¼	24¼	24¼
1,610	Amal. Copper	49⅞	50	48½	49½
280	Am. B. Sugar	31⅛	31⅞	31⅛	31¼
70	Am. Can	23⅞	24	23⅞	24
60	Am. Smelting	54⅝	55	53⅝	54⅛
20	A., T. & S. F.	91	91	90	90
110	Balt. & Ohio	67⅝	67⅝	67⅛	67¼
70	Beth. Steel	42⅜	42⅞	42⅜	42⅜
80	B'klyn R. T.	84⅝	84⅝	84⅝	84⅝
90	Can. Pacific	154	154	153	153
410	Cent. Leather	36⅜	36⅜	36	36⅛
40	Ches. & Ohio	40½	40⅜	40¼	40⅜
40	Chi. Gt. West.	10	10	10	10
160	C., M. & S. P.	85¾	85¾	85½	85½
100	Con. Gas rs	2¼	2¼	2¼	2¼
40	Corn Prod.	8½	8½	8½	8½
270	Erie	21	21⅝	20⅞	21¼
340	Gt. Nor. pf.	112½	112⅞	112	112¼
320	Leh. Valley	129¼	129¼	126	128
30	Mo. Pacific	9¼	9½	9⅛	9⅛
60	N. Y. Central	82¼	82¼	82	82
40	N.Y.,N.H.&H.	53½	53½	53¼	53¼
690	Nor. Pacific	98	98	96⅞	97⅛
280	Pennsylvania	103	104½	102⅞	103⅜
5,400	Reading	140	141⅞	139¼	141⅞
140	Rock Isl. pf.	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
40	So. Pacific	81½	81½	81¼	81¼
50	Tenn. Copper	30	30	30	30
6,660	Union Pacific	115	115¼	112⅞	114½
450	U. S. Steel	48	48¼	48	48⅛
30	Utah Copper	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞
17,990					

BONDS.

$14,000	C., R. I. & P. col. 4s	25⅛	25¼	25⅛	25¼

MINING STOCKS.

2,100	Atlanta	.46	.50	.46	.50
1,000	Booth	.18	.20	.18	.20
200	Isabella	.13½	.13½	.13½	.13½
1,300	Jumbo Ext.	2.67½	2.90	2.67½	2.90
1,000	Oro	.14	.15	.14	.15
400	Sierra Nev.	5	5	5	5
6,000					

METAL MARKET REPORTS.

These prices were quoted on the local Metal Exchange yesterday:

	Yesterday. Bid.	Asked.	Wednesday. Bid.	Asked.
Tin	33.25	34.00	..	33.50
Lead	3.75	3.85	3.75	3.85
Iron, No. 2 foundry	14.00	14.50	14.00	14.50
Spelter	5.55	5.65	5.55	5.65
Antimony	15.00	15.50	14.50	15.00

Price for iron is dollars per ton; other commodities cents per pound. London market quotations were:

	Yesterday. £	s.	d.	Wednesday £	s.	d.
Copper, spot	56	15	0	57	0	0
Copper, futures	57	0	0	57	7	6
Tin, spot	148	0	0	144	5	0
Tin, futures	145	0	0	142	10	0
Lead	19	2	6	19	5	0
Spelter	26	17	6	27	0	0

BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve decreased	£2,664,000
Circulation increased	628,000
Bullion decreased	2,035,697
Other securities decreased	13,188,000
Other deposits decreased	7,831,000
Public deposits decreased	5,709,000
Notes reserve decreased	2,716,000
Government securities increased	2,837,000

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 34.40 per cent.; last week it was 33.81 per cent. Rate of discount, 5 per cent.

BONDS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Total sales Dec. 24, 1914	$1,129,000
Same day last year	Holiday.
From Jan. 1, 1914	456,094,000
Same period last year	491,115,920
Average price and change 40 bonds	81.67 — .08
Same day last year	*Holiday.

	High.	Low.
This year's range to date	89.42 Feb. 4	81.42 Dec. 2
Range year 1913	92.31 Jan. 10	85.45 Dec. 18

*Previous day's close 86.17.

U S 2s, reg
2,500....97
500....97
Rep of Cuba 5s
5,000....95½
Jap Govt 4½s, sterl loan
1,000....82½
N Y State 4½s
1,000....107⅞
N Y Canal 4s, '61
2,000....99⅝
N Y City 3½s, '55
2,000....84
N Y City 4¼s, '60
1,000....98⅝
2,000....98¾
3,000....98⅞
N Y City 4½s, May, 1957
10,000....104
Nov., 1957
1,000....104
N Y City 4½s, '63
1,000....104⅛
8,000....104

Adams Exp 4s
500....71¾
Am Ice Secur 6s
2,000....82½
8,000....82
Am Sm Secur 6s
1,000....102½
A, T & S F gen 4s
10,000....91
1,000....90¾
7,000....91
4,500....91
adjustment 4s
500....81½
stamped
15,000....82
3,000....81¾
1,000....81⅝
500....82
3,000....81⅝
conv 4s, 1960
1,000....90½
1,000....90¼
5,000....90
B & O conv 4½s
5,000....84⅛
Beth Steel 1st & ref 5s
1,000....85¼
6,000....85⅛
3,000....85
Bkl R T gold 5s
1,000....101½
C, B & Q joint 4s
5,000....94⅞
Ches & O cv 4½s
1,000....70¼
10,000....70
C, M & S P 4s, '34
1,000....88¾
5,000....89
gen 4½s
11,000....99¼
conv 4½s
5,000....96¼
500....96
19,000....96½
4,000....96⅛

Cent Leather 5s
2,000....96⅞
Cent Pac gtd 4s
1,000....86⅜
2,000....86¼
Chi Gt West 4s
4,000....68⅞
Chi & N W con 7s
7,000....100¼
Chi & N W gen 4s, stamped
1,000....88¾
C, R I & P Ry deb 5s
10,000....58
C, R I & P R R 4s
39,000....25
Central Tr Certfs
25,000....25
14,000....24¾
8,000....24⅞
Clev S Line 4½s
3,000....91½
5,000....91¼
Con Gas conv 6s, when issued
106,000....109
50,000....109⅛
2,000....109
Del & Hudson 1st & ref 4s
5,000....91
Del & Hudson deb 4s, 1916
35,000....99
Den & Rio Gde 1st & ref 5s
3,000....41¾
Den & R G con 4s
3,000....76
Du Pont de Nem Powder 4½s
2,000....83¾
Erie 1st gen 4s
3,000....67
Erie cv 4s, Series A
5,000....63
5,000....62¾
Series B
15,000....64
Gen Motors 6s
2,000....100⅝
Ill Central 4s, 1952
4,000....85
Insp Con Cop cv 6s 1922
4,000....96⅝
1,000....96¾
Inter-Met 4½s
1,000....74⅝
31,000....74½
I R T 1st & ref 5s
3,000....96⅝
5,000....96½
Kan City So 5s
1,000....89
Liggett & M 5s
1,000....99⅝
5,000....99¾
1,000....99⅝
Lorillard Co 7s
8,000....121⅛
Lorillard Co 5s
1,000....100¼
3,000....100⅛
1,000....100

Laclede Gas Lgt of St L 1st 5s
2,000....100¼
Louis & N unif 4s
10,000....91¼
Lou & N, Atl, K & Cin 4s
1,000....85
Man Con 4s, tax exempt
4,000....88½
Mer M col tr 4½s
2,000....29⅞
Minn & St L 1st & ref 4s
4,000....40
Mo Pac 5s, 1920
1,000....85
Mo Pac conv 5s
2,000....40¼
Nat Enam & Stpg 5s
5,000....91½
Natl Tube 5s
1,000....97
N Y Cent gen 3½s
5,000....80
N Y G, E L, H & P pur money 4s
1,000....82½
N Y Rys ref 4s
5,000....71¾
1,000....71¼
N Y Rys adj 5s
5,000....51⅛
18,000....51
4,000....50⅞
32,000....50⅝
N Y Tel 4½s
2,000....95
Norf & W con 4s
500....91¾
Northern Pac 4s
5,000....89¼
Northern Pac 3s
5,000....62½
500....62½
2,000....62⅝
Oregon S Line 1st con 5s
1,000....103
Oreg S L gtd ref 4s
5,000....87
Pac T & T 5s
6,000....95
3,000....94⅞
Penn gtd 4½s
6,000....100⅝
Penn conv 3½s
5,000....99¾
Penn 4s, 1948
5,000....98
Reading gen 4s
19,000....92⅜
Reading-Jer Cent col 4s
10,000....91
Rep Iron & Steel s f 5s, 1940
5,000....90¼
So Bell T & T 1st 5s
2,000....96¼
So Pac conv 4s
10,000....80
So Ry 1st 5s
10,000....98½

So Pac conv 5s
6,000....95½
5,500....95⅝
5,000....95½
500....95¾
11,000....95¾
11,000....95¾
3,000....95½
20,000....95⅝
5,000....95¼
23,000....95⅛
5,000....95¼
5,000....95⅛
500....95½
So Ry gen 4s
5,000....64½
St L & S F R R ref 4s
1,000....61
ctfs of dep stpd
1,000....57⅞
5,000....58
St L, I M & So unif & ref 4s
2,000....65
Seabo A L adj 5s
3,000....64⅞
1,000....64⅜
Tenn C & Iron, Birm div 6s
1,000....100⅛
Tex Co conv 6s
1,000....97½
1,000....98⅛
Third Av ref 4s
5,000....79¾
Third Av adj 5s
3,000....75½
Tol, St L & W 4s
4,000....40
Un Pacific 1st 4s
13,000....95¼
2,000....95⅛
Un Pacific conv 4s
10,000....88
Un Pac 1st & ref 4s
1,000....88
U S Rubber 6s
5,000....101⅛
20,000....101
U S Steel Corp sink fund 5s
5,000....100⅛
6,000....100⅛
40,000....100⅛
20,000....100
Va-Car C 1st 5s
4,000....93
Virginian Ry 1st 5s
1,000....95½
Wabash 1st 5s
2,000....97½
Wabash ref & ext 4s
10,000....29
6,000....28½
3,000....30
14,000....29⅞
Western Md 4s
1,000....57⅞
3,000....58
West Shore 4s
1,000....89
Westing El & M 1st conv s f 5s
10,000....90¾
1,000....90⅞

OUT-OF-TOWN MARKETS.

BALTIMORE.

STOCKS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
1	Maryland Cas.	83½	83½	83½	83½
6	Northern Cen.	84½	84½	84½	84½
32	Un. Rys. & El.	25	25	25	25

BONDS.

$200	A. C. L. of Conn. 5s, 1920	90	90	90	90
2,000	C. B. 4s, 1961, S. L.	94½	94½	94½	94½
2,000	C. Power 4½s	86¾	86¾	86¾	86¾
2,000	Kirby L. 6s	93	93	93	93
1,000	U.R. & E.1st 4s	81¾	81¾	81¾	81¾
6,000	U. R. & E.in.4s	60¼	60¼	60¼	60¼

The Exchange will be closed until Monday morning.

BOSTON.

MINING.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
1,160	Alaska	23⅝	24¼	23⅝	24¼
205	Amalgamated	50½	50½	49	49⅝
260	Am. Zinc	15	15½	15	15⅞
25	Arizona Com.	3½	3½	3½	3½
480	Butte. & Sup.	33¼	34	33	33¾
50	Calumet & A.	53	53½	53	53½
4	Calumet & H.	350	355	350	355
20	Chino	32	32	32	32
105	Copper Range	30	30⅛	30	30
35	Daly-West	2¼	2¼	2¼	2¼
94	Greene-Canan	23½	23⅝	23¼	23⅝
10	Kerr Lake	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
5	La Salle	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
30	Mohawk	45½	45½	45½	45½
90	New Arcadian	5¾	5¾	5½	5¾
350	Nipissing	6	6	6	6
60	North Butte	21	21¼	21	21
50	Old Colony	3½	3½	3½	3½
25	Osceola	64	64	64	64
130	Pond Creek	13	13	12¾	13
55	Ray Con.	15	15	15	15
200	Santa Fe	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
40	Shannon	4⅞	4⅞	4⅝	4¾
10	Shattuck	18½	18½	18½	18½
25	St. Mary's L.	28	28	28	28
180	U. S. Smelt	24½	24½	24½	24½
96	U. S. Smelt. pf	43½	43½	43	43½
125	Utah Copper	47	47	46½	46¾
50	Winona	2	2	1⅞	1⅞
30	Wolverine	30½	30½	30½	30½

RAILROADS.

20	Atchison	90	90	90	90
20	Boston Elev	95	95	95	95
10	Boston & M.	32	32	32	32
20	Fitchburg pf	76	76	76	76
50	Mass. Elec.	9	9	9	9
75	N.Y.,N.H. &H.	54	54	53½	53¾
30	Union Pacific	115¼	115¼	113¾	114⅝

MISCELLANEOUS.

20	Am. Ag. C. pf.	90	90	90	90
100	Am. P. Serv.	2½	2½	2½	2½
70	Am. Sugar	104½	104½	103	103
10	Am. Sugar pf	113	114	113	114
298	Am. T. & T.	116¼	117½	116¼	116¾
10	Am. Wool. pf.	75¼	75¼	75¼	75¼
16	Gen. Elec.	138	138	137	137
57	Pullman	150	150	150	150
160	Reece B'hole	18	18	18	18
4	Swift & Co.	103¾	103¾	103¾	103¾
6	U. Fruit, cash	115	115	115	115
35	U.Fruit ex div	113	113	113	113
3	U. Shoe M.	53⅞	53⅞	53⅞	53⅞
60	U. Shoe M. pf.	28½	28½	28½	28½
167	U. S. Steel	48	48¼	48	48
7	U. S. Steel pf.	103¼	103¼	103¼	103¼
8	West. Union	56¾	57¼	56¾	57¼

BOND.

$1,000	Atl., G. & W. I. 5s	59	59	59	59

BOSTON CURB.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Boston Curb closing bid and asked quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alvarado	.60	.90
Bay S. G.	.13	.14
Begole	1	1½
Bohemia	1⅛	1½
Bost. Ely.	.21	.24
Butte & L.	.23	.26
Calaveras	.93	.96
Chief Con.	.75	.80
Con. Cop.	1⅛	1¼
Cortez	.15	.30
Cr. Res.	.72	.78
Davis-D.	.65	.70
Eagle and Bluebell	.90	1.00
First Nat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
G'f'd Con.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houghton	1½	2¼
Iron Blos.	1⅛	[illegible]
La Rose	.75	.80
Majestic	.17	.20
McK.-Dar.	.54	.60
Mex. Met.	.16	.18
M. of Am.	2¼	2½
New Balt.	1⅜	1⅝
Nev. Doug.	.56	.60
Oneco	.80	.90
Ohio	.11	.14
So. Lake	4	4½
Stew't M.	[illegible]	[illegible]
U. Verde	1⅞	2
U. Metals	.90	1.00
Yukon	2	2¼

CHICAGO.

STOCKS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
30	Am. Can	24	24	24	24
12	C. Pneu. T.	50	50½	50	50½
110	C. Ry., Ser. 2	26¾	26¾	26⅝	26⅝
15	Illinois Brick	65	65	65	65
100	Pacific Gas	42	42	42	42
25	People's Gas	116¼	116¼	116¼	116¼
8	Public Service	76	76	76	76
15	Quaker O. pf	103½	103½	103½	103½
200	S.-Roebuck	177	177⅞	176	177
85	S.-Roe. pf	121	121	121	121
115	Swift & Co	104¼	104½	104¼	104½
20	Un. Carbide	142	142	142	142

BONDS.

$500	Swift 5s	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝
3,000	Com. Ed. 5s	100¼	100¼	100¼	100¼
1,000	Met. 4s	75½	75½	75½	75½

PHILADELPHIA.

STOCKS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
30	Atchison	90¼	90¼	90¼	90¼
10	Beth. Steel	43¼	43¼	43¼	43¼
100	Cambria Iron	42	42	42	42
95	Cambria Steel	42	42¼	42	42
100	El. Stor. Bat.	47¼	47¼	47¼	47¼
10	Erie	21	21	21	21
25	Gen. Asp. pf.	68	68	67¾	68
27	In Co. of N.A.	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
230	Keystone Tel.	13¼	13¼	13¼	13¼
2	L.Nav. old stk	77	77	77	77
59	*Lehigh Val.	64½	64½	63½	63½
120	North. Cent.	84¼	84¼	84¼	84¼
618	Penn. R. R.	52	52⅜	51⅞	51¾
422	Phil. Elec.	23½	23⅞	23½	23½
43	Phil. Co. scp.	91	91	91	91
10	Phil. Trac.	80	80	80	80
206	Reading	70⅝	[illegible]	70	70
5	Reading 2d pf.	40	40	40	40
402	Ton. B'mont	4½	4⅝	4½	4½
680	Ton. Mining	[illegible]	[illegible]	7½	[illegible]
80	Un. Gas Imp.	82¼	82¼	82	82¼
260	U. S. Steel	48	48	48	48
5	Union Trac.	39	39	39	39

BONDS.

$3,000	A. G. & E. 5s	85¼	85¼	85¼	85¼
1,000	B. Loc. 1st 5s	101½	101½	101½	101½
5,000	E. & E. 4s cfs	78	78	78	78
1,500	G. Asp. deb.5s	97½	97½	97½	97½
15,500	I'state Rys. 4s	56	56	56	56
1,000	Phil. Co.con.5s	80	80	80	80
6,000	Phil. El, 4s	78	78	78	78
6,000	Read. gen. 4s	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝
11,000	Read. - Jersey Cent. 4s	90⅝	90⅝	90⅝	90⅝

*Ex dividend.

PITTSBURGH.

STOCKS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
300	Crucible Steel	11½	11¾	11½	11¾
24	Ind. Brew. pf	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
50	Mfrs. L. & H.	50	50	50	50
310	Nat. Fireproof'g	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
40	Okla Nat. Gas	58	58	58	58
20	Pitts. Brewing	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
100	Pure Oil	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
25	Union Switch	100½	100½	100½	100½
45	West. Air Brake	122½	122½	122½	122½
35	Westing. Elec.	33½	33¾	33½	33¾
20	West. Elec. pf.	58½	58½	58½	58½

STOCK MARKET AVERAGES.

The average quotations of twenty-five leading railroad and twenty-five industrial issues yesterday and of these two groups of stocks combined with comparisons:

	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.
Railroads	67.57	66.76	66.98	−.24
Industrials	51.66	51.19	51.36	−.52

COMBINED AVERAGE.

Dec. 17	61.78	61.40	61.52	−.12
Dec. 18	61.87	60.87	61.54	+.02
Dec. 19	61.60	61.33	61.45	−.09
Dec. 21	61.38	60.75	60.87	−.58
Dec. 22	61.09	60.62	60.81	−.06
Dec. 23	60.64	59.52	59.55	−1.26
Dec. 24	59.61	58.97	59.17	−.38

Range of Fifty Stocks.

	High.	Low.	Last.
Dec., 1913	68.69 Dec. 26	65.10 Dec. 15	68.06
Dec., 1912	82.54 Dec. 2	72.23 Dec. 16	78.20
Dec., 1911	78.40 Dec. 20	75.06 Dec. 8	77.60
Year to date	73.30 Jan. 31	57.41 July 30	59.17
Year, 1913	79.10 Jan. 9	63.09 June 10	59.55
Year, 1912	85.52 Sep. 30	75.24 Feb. 1	78.30
Year, 1911	84.41 Jan. 26	69.57 Sep. 25	77.60

STANDARD OIL STOCKS.

	Yesterday. Bid.	Asked.	Wednesday. Bid.	Asked.
Anglo-American	14¾	15¼	14½	15
Atlantic Refining	580	590	580	590
Borne-Scrymser	260	280	260	280
Buckeye Pipe Line	111	114	112	115
Chesebrough Mfg.	660	690	660	690
Colonial Oil	100	110	100	110
Continental Oil	220	225	220	225
Crescent Pipe Line	38	41	38	41
Cumberland Pipe L.	52	57	52	57
Eureka Pipe Line	230	240	230	240
Galena Signal Oil pf.	140	145	140	145
Galena Signal Oil	165	170	165	170
Illinois P. L. (W. I.)	135	145	135	145
Indiana Pipe Line	96	100	96	100
National Transit	36½	37½	36	38
N. Y. Transit	215	*225	220	230
Northern Pipe Line	90	93	90	95
Ohio Oil	184	186	182	184
Pierce Oil	15¼	15¾	15	15½
Prairie Oil & G.	457	462	455	460
Solar Refining	250	260	250	260
Southern Pipe Line	201	205	201	205
South Penn Oil	255	260	257	260
S'west Penn. Pipe L.	122	126	122	127
Stand. Oil (Cal.)	303	306	305	308
Stand. Oil (Ind.)	465	470	465	470
Stand. Oil (Kan.)	350	360	350	360
Stand. Oil (Ky.)	246	251	246	251
Stand. Oil (Neb.)	330	345	330	345
Stand. Oil (Ohio)	430	440	430	440
Stand. Oil (N. J.)	400	402	400	402
Stand. Oil (N. Y.)	199	201	198	200
Swan & Finch	165	175	165	175
Union Tank	82	84	82	84
Vacuum Oil	197	200	198	201
Washington Oil	37	40	37	40

TOBACCO STOCKS.

	Thursday. Bid.	Asked.	Wednesday. Bid.	Asked.
American Cigar	105	115	105	115
American Cigar pf.	93	98	93	98
Am. Mach. & F'dry	65	75	65	75
British-Am. Tobacco	17	17½	17	17½
Conley Foil Co.	275	300	275	300
Johnston T. F. & M.	130	150	130	150
J. S. Young	125	135	125	135
MacAndrews & F.	160	180	160	180
P. R.-Am. Tobacco	230	240	230	240
P. R.-Am. Tob. scrip	120	125	120	125
R. J. Reynolds Tob.	275	285	275	285
R. J. Reynolds rights	2¾	3	2¾	3
Riker & Heg., old	138	142	138	142
Riker & Hegeman pf.	92	96	92	96
Sterling Gum	3¾	3⅞	3¾	3⅞
Tobacco Prod. Corp.	85	87	85	87
United Cigar Stores	90	93	90	93
United Cigar St. pf.	108	114	108	114
United Profit Shar.	16⅛	16⅝	16⅛	16⅝

NEW YORK CITY BONDS AND NOTES.

	Thursday. Bid.	Asked.	Wednesday. Bid.	Asked.
6s —Sept., 1915	101¼	101½	101¼	101½
6s —Sept., 1916	102¾	103	102¾	103
6s —Sept., 1917	104¼	104½	104¼	104½
4½s—March, 1963	104	104¼	104¼	104½
4½s—May, 1957	104	104¼	104	104⅛
4½s—Nov., 1957	104	104¼	104	104¼
4½s—May, 1917	104	104¼	104	104¼
4½s—Nov., 1917	100⅝	100¾	100⅝	100¾
4¼s—March, 1964	98	98¼	98	98¼
4¼s—March, 1962	98	98¼	98	98¼
4¼s—Sept., 1960	98	98¼	98	98¼
4¼s—Mar. 1930-60	98⅝	98⅞	98⅝	98¾
4s —May., 1959	95¼	95⅝	95¼	95⅝
4s —Nov., 1958	95¼	95⅝	95¼	95⅝
4s —May, 1957	95¼	95⅝	95¼	95⅝
4s —Nov., 1956	94	95½	94	95⅝
4s —Nov., 1955	94	95½	94	95½
4s —Nov., 1936	95	96	95	96
4s —1918-1919	98½	..	98½	..
3½s—Nov., 1954-5	84¼	85	84¼	85
3½s—May, 1954	84¼	85	84¼	85
3½—1950-1954	83¾	84½	83¾	84½

RAILWAY EQUIPMENT BONDS.

The following are quoted on a percentage basis:

Name.	Maturity.	Rate.	Bid.	Ask.
Atl. Coast Line	1914-'21	4 @4½	4.95	4.70
Balt. & Ohio	1914-'23	4½	4.95	4.80
Buff., Roch. & P.	1914-'30	4½@5	4.95	4.62
Canadian Pacific	1915-'28	4½	5.05	5.00
Ches. & Ohio	1914-'17	4½	5.15	4.85
Chicago & N. W.	1914-'23	4½	4.90	4.75
C., Ind. & Louis	1914-'23	4½	5.62	5.20
C., St. L. & N. O.	1915-'24	5	5.05	4.95
Del. & Hudson	1922	4½	4.88	4.60
Erie Railroad	1914-'23	4½@5	5.30	5.10
Hocking Valley	1914-'23	4 @5	5.10	4.88
Illinois Central	1914-'23	4½@5	4.95	4.80
Louis & Nash	1914-'23	5	4.88	4.70
Mo., K. & Texas	1914-'23	5	6.30	5.70
Missouri Pacific	1914-'22	5	6.80	6.20
N. Y. Cent. Lines	1915-'28	4½@5	5.30	5.15
Norfolk & West.	1915-'24	4½	4.88	4.62
N. Y., N. H. & H.	1915-'28	6	5.60	5.30
Penn. G. Freight	1914-'23	4 @4½	4.75	4.50
St. L., I. M. & S.	1914-'24	5	5.95	5.30
Seaboard Air L.	1914-'23	5	5.30	5.10
Southern Railway	1914-'24	4½@5	5.20	4.90
Southern Pacific	1914-'23	4½	5.00	4.88
Virginian Rwy	1914-'19	5	5.50	5.00

SAVINGS BANKS.

The Williamsburgh Savings Bank

Broadway and Driggs Ave., Brooklyn.

Notice is hereby given that on and after the 20th day of January, 1915, Interest at the rate of

FOUR PER CENT.

per annum will be paid to all depositors in this bank who on the first day of January, 1915, may be entitled thereto.

Money deposited before January 10th, 1915, will draw interest from January 1st.

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
CHARLES J. PASFIELD, Cashier.
BANK OPEN MONDAY EVE'G, 4 TO 7.
Blanks for opening Accounts by Mail sent upon request.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK
40th Street and 6th Avenue

An Interest Dividend (111th Consecutive) has been declared at the rate of Three and One-Half Per Cent. per annum. Credited January 1, 1915, and payable on and after Thursday, January 21st, 1915, on all sums entitled thereto under the By-Laws.

Money deposited on or before January 11th, draws interest from January 1, 1915.

Alex. P. W. Kinnan, President.
Francis M. Leake, Treasurer.
William G. Ross, Secretary.

German Savings Bank IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Cor. 4th Ave. and 14th Street

New York, December 7th, 1914.

Interest at the rate of FOUR (4) PER CENTUM per annum will be credited depositors for the six months ending December 31, 1914, on all sums entitled thereto under the by-laws not exceeding three thousand ($3,000) dollars, and will be payable after January 20th.

Deposits made on or before January 9th, 1915, will draw interest from January 1, 1915.

ALFRED ROELKER, President.
A. KOPPEL, Treasurer.

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DIVIDENDS.

FOUNDED 1803

223rd Consecutive Semi-Annual Dividend

THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
of the City of New York
42 Wall Street,

December 17th, 1914.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of four per cent. (4%), free of tax, payable January 2d, 1915, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 24th, 1914.

JOSEPH BYRNE, Cashier.

The Reece Button Hole Machine Company
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 115

A quarterly dividend of three per cent. has been declared, payable January 15, 1915, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 1, 1915.

FRANCIS A. SHEA, President.

The International Button Hole Sewing Machine Company
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 69

A quarterly dividend of one per cent. has been declared, payable January 15, 1915, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 1, 1915.

FRANCIS A. SHEA, President.

Reece Folding Machine Company
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 23

A quarterly dividend of one per cent. has been declared, payable January 15, 1915, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 1, 1915.

FRANCIS A. SHEA, President.

E. W. BLISS COMPANY.
Borough of Brooklyn, New York.

December 22, 1914.

The Board of Directors of this company has this day declared a regular quarterly dividend of Two Per Cent. (2%) on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable on January 2d, 1915, to holders of the Preferred Stock of Record on the books of the Company at the close of business December 23d, and has ordered Transfer Books closed December 24th to 31st, inclusive.

HOWARD C. SEAMAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

E. W. BLISS COMPANY.
Borough of Brooklyn, New York.

December 22, 1914.

The Board of Directors of this company has this day declared a quarterly dividend of One and One-quarter Per Cent. (1¼%) on the Common Stock of the Company, payable on January 2d, 1915, to holders of the Common Stock of Record on the books of the Company at the close of business December 23d, and has ordered Transfer Books closed December 24th to 31st, inclusive.

HOWARD C. SEAMAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

GARFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
Fifth Avenue & Twenty-third St.

New York, Dec. 23, 1914.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, a Quarterly Dividend of THREE PER CENT. upon the Capital Stock of this bank was declared, payable, free of tax, on and after Dec. 31, 1914.

The Transfer Books will be closed until Saturday, Jan. 2, 1915.

A. W. SNOW, Cashier.

CARDENAS-AMERICAN SUGAR CO.
37 Wall Street, New York.

December 22, 1914.

The Board of Directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾% on the preferred stock of this Company, payable January 2, 1915, to all stockholders of record at the close of business, December 28, 1914.

HENRY P. DU BOIS, Treasurer.

Merchants Exchange National Bank of the City of New York.

December 22, 1914.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after January 2, 1915, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 26, 1914.

E. V. GAMBIER, Cashier.

THE BANK OF AMERICA.

New York, December 18th, 1914.

The Board of Directors have today declared a semi-annual dividend of fourteen (14) per cent., free of tax, payable January 2nd, 1915, to stockholders of record of this date. The transfer books will remain closed until January 4th, 1915.

W. M. BENNET, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH COAL COMPANY.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 23, 1914.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of One and One-quarter (1¼) Per Cent. on the Preferred Stock, payable January 25th, 1915, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 15th, 1915.

F. J. LE MOYNE, Secretary.

THE HANOVER NATIONAL BANK of the City of New York.

New York, December 22d, 1914.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a quarterly dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on and after Jan. 2d, 1915. The transfer books will remain closed until that date.

ELMER E. WHITTAKER, Cashier.

The Washington Water Power Company.

Spokane, Washington, December 12, 1914.

A quarterly dividend of $1.50 per share has been declared, payable January 2nd, 1915, to stockholders of record December 12th, 1914.

D. L. HUNTINGTON, President.

EXCHANGE THANKS COMMITTEE OF FIVE

"We Desire to Honor Them," Says Resolution the Members Adopted.

PRESIDENT NOBLE REPLIES

Co-operation of All Members Made It Possible to Weather Storm, He Says—No Christmas Fun.

Members of the Stock Exchange at an open meeting on the board yesterday passed a vote of thanks to the Committee of Five for its work in handling Exchange affairs in the period the market was closed down. The resolutions were prepared by a committee consisting of James B. Mabon, a former President of the Exchange; Henry C. Sworda, the board's Treasurer and Henry C. Lawrence, a Governor, and were read from the rostrum by Vice President Charles M. Newcombe while the brokers stopped their work to listen. The resolutions read:

> From July 31 until Dec. 14 the members of this Committee have been practically in continuous session. They have had to deal with matters of the greatest moment, affecting not only the interests of the members of the Exchange, but those of the entire financial world. Each day brought its perplexing problems, and their solution of those problems has been approved and justified throughout.
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> It is interesting to record that there were issued during this time, thirty-eight rules, which were acquiesced in, both inside and outside of the Exchange, and in many instances to the detriment and financial loss of the parties concerned. During all this time they have had to assume almost overwhelming responsibilities which they faced with courage, unselfish devotion and rare intelligence. They have honored us, and we desire to honor them.

Amid the cheers of the members, President H. G. S. Noble ascended the rostrum to express the appreciation of the Committee of Five for the honor given them. He said

> We have just been passing through an experience in the history of the Stock Exchange which has no precedent, and which is not likely to be repeated even in the distant future. This experience will probably come to be regarded as an epoch in our affairs. It is therefore desirable that we should form a clear idea in our minds of exactly how the emergency has been met, so that no erroneous ideas may be allowed to take root and form a wrong tradition for the future.
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> With this in mind, I wish to say that the extraordinary success with which the Stock Exchange has weathered the financial storm that has been passing over us, is not wholly due to the efforts of any individual, or group of individuals, but is the result of the loyal, unselfish and intelligent co-operation of all its members.
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> No committee, no matter how constituted, and no matter what its plans and devices, could have solved the problems growing out of this ordeal, had they not rested on the solid foundation of a united institution. The Stock Exchange stands higher today in the confidence of the bankers, in the good will of the press, and in the estimation of the public than it ever has stood before.

The Committee of Five consisted of President Noble, Ernest Groesbeck, Samuel F. Streit, H. K. Pomroy, and Donald G. Geddes. They were relieved from further labor by a vote of the Exchange membership on Dec. 14, after trading on the board again got under way.

The Exchange omitted entirely yesterday the usual Christmas celebration. It had been expected that the lean year would be reflected in a total lack of Christmas distributions to the employes, but such was not the case. About $3,000 was paid out from a reserve fund from contributions of other years. Each of the 230 "board boys" and thirty telegraph operators received $10. There were other disbursements to the older members of the Exchange's working force. Last year about $11,000 was raised through gifts from the brokers, and all the employers then shared in the division.

LATEST CUSTOMS RULINGS.

Distinctions Which Alter the Rates of Duty on Imports.

Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, lost yesterday before the Board of General Appraisers in a controversy under the present tariff as to laces and trimmings in chief value of tinsel threads. The Collector took a 60 per cent. duty. The importer claimed that the goods are not laces or trimmings, but are braids, and as such properly dutiable at 40 per cent. Only one witness, a Customs Examiner, testified at the hearing. Judge Howell says that on such a record it is impossible to determine whether the Collector erred in his return.

The F. William Gertzen Company was overruled in claims for lower duty on importations of imitation coral on wire, which it was claimed may be used in the manufacture of articles of utility, such as picture frames. Duty was levied at 45 per cent. ad valorem as manufactures of paste or metal. Similar claims by the same firm relating to imitation opals on wire were also overruled. The board sustained a contention by Albert Lorsch & Co. that imitation coral is dutiable at 20 per cent. as an imitation stone used in making jewelry. Paste glass forms or jewels imported by Guthman, Solomons & Co. were admitted at 20 per cent. under the old tariff.

Semon, Bache & Co. won in protests affecting the rate on glass towel rack bars. They were assessed at 60 per cent. under the Act of 1909, as glass, ground for ornamentation. The claim was for 45 per cent. tax as manufactures of glass. The same importer along with C. Hirsch's Sons, and the W. H. Horstmann Company, claimed a rate of 20 per cent. on imitation beads, entered under the old tariff as being used in jewelry manufacture. The board holds in a decision by Judge Sullivan that the Collector's tax of 45 per cent. is correct. The same General Appraiser decided that parabolic mirrors imported by the General Electric Company were correctly assessed under the provision in the old law for manufactures of glass. The German-American Glass Company, Philadelphia, was sustained in protests relating to bull's-eye glasses, used in connection with oil cups on locomotives. Duty was levied at 60 per cent. under the old act, as cut glass, whereas the importers asked entry at 45 per cent. as glass manufactures.

Seabury & Johnson were sustained in a claim for duty at 25 per cent. ad valorem on surgical bandages made of cotton, as "bandings," as specified in the Act of 1913. The levy of 30 per cent. as manufactures of cotton was reversed.

F. Rosenstern & Co. won in a content on over the rate of duty on colored cotton cloth blankets, the edges of which were neither whipped nor hemmed. They were taxed at 45 per cent. ad valorem as cotton articles under the old law, and were claimed properly dutiable at 2¾ cents per square yard as countable cotton cloth.

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Commenting on general business conditions, Dun's Review will say tomorrow:

> The railroad rate decision, the continued big exports of wheat and other products and the colder weather, which stimulates retail distribution exert the most important influence in the markets this week. December, with its holiday interruptions and inventories, is not usually a month for large developments in business activity, but the recent progress in financial recuperation, the rapid establishment of a big balance of trade in favor of this country, and the rate decision giving a large part of the relief asked for from the Interstate Commerce Commission, combine to create a favorable sentiment in business. The better feeling has undoubtedly imparted a brisker movement to the Christmas trade, which, though less in volume than last year, has been much more active than appeared possible a few weeks ago.

Bradstreet's will say:

> While optimistic sentiments continue to outstrip actual orders, some of the larger lines give evidence of quickening impulses and favorable factors outweigh those of an adverse character. At the moment final distribution, as reflected by reports regarding retail trade in seasonable and holiday goods, attracts most attention. Cold weather has improved demand for heavy wearing apparel, and in some parts of the country, particularly in the interior districts of the Spring wheat Northwest, rush orders have benefited jobbers as well as wholesale dealers. Stocks, save, perhaps, in the South, are light the results of several years of sparse buying.

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MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

ESTABLISHED 1784

The Bank of New York

National Banking Association

New York, December 11th, 1914.

The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of this Bank for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at its banking house, No. 48 Wall Street, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon. JOSEPH ANDREWS, Cashier.

New York, Dec. 5th, 1914.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION of Directors of THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK of the City of New York will be held at its banking house, No. 42 Wall Street, New York, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, from 12 noon to 1 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JOSEPH BYRNE, Cashier.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE election of directors for UNIVERSAL FILM MANUFACTURING COMPANY not having been held on the day designated by the by-laws, a meeting of the stockholders of said UNIVERSAL FILM MANUFACTURING COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 1600 Broadway, in the City, County and State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing five directors and two inspectors of election to serve at the next annual meeting, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

The polls will remain open for one hour, from 10 to 11 o'clock A. M.

Dated New York, N. Y., December 17, 1914.

CARL LAEMMLE, President.

R. H. COCHRANE, Secretary.

THE CHATHAM AND PHENIX NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the Banking House, No. 192 Broadway, New York, on January 12, 1915. Polls open from 12 Noon to 1 P. M.

B. L. HASKINS, Cashier,

NEW YORK, DECEMBER 10, 1914.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK, NEW YORK

New York, December 1, 1914.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it will be held in the Banking Rooms, No. 233 Broadway, Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, the polls to be open from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books will be closed from 12 o'clock noon, January 9th, 1915, until 10 o'clock A. M., January 13th, 1915.

J. F. BOUKER, Cashier.

The German Exchange Bank

330 Bowery, New York.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of this Bank, held December 15, 1914, a semi-annual dividend of 10% has been declared on the capital stock of this Bank, payable January 2nd, 1915. Transfer books to close December 21, 1914, reopen January 2nd, 1915. GEORGE KERN, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK.

New York, December 10, 1914.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the National Bank of Commerce in New York for the election of directors will be held at its banking house, 31 Nassau Street, New York City, on Tuesday, January 12, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock to 1 P. M.

STEVENSON E. WARD, Cashier.

THE HANOVER NATIONAL BANK of the City of New York.

New York, December 12, 1914.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, Nassau and Pine Streets, Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

ELMER E. WHITTAKER, Cashier.

COTTON MARKET SHOWS STRENGTH

Larger Volume of Business Than Usual Prior to Holiday —Investment Buying.

EXPORTS WERE 87,000 BALES

Revision Committee Decides on Advance in Premium on the High Grades.

Contrary to the expectations of most members, the cotton market yesterday displayed considerable strength, with business in larger volume than is usual just prior to a holiday. The activity was particularly notable in view of the fact that trading has been so limited recently. There was a strong undertone, with selling pressure from the South less in evidence. The buying was partly for the covering for shorts and partly of an investment character.

Exports were on a very large scale and amounted to more than 87,000 bales. Galveston exported 20,000 to Great Britain, with about 12,000 to the Continent. About 6,000 bales went from Pacific Coast points to Japan. Norfolk exported 9,200 bales to Bremen.

Mild interest was created by the report that the exchange had received a set of the new Government standards. They were taken up to the sixth floor of the Cotton Exchange Building, where they will be placed on view beginning next Monday.

The Revision Committee held two meetings yesterday, and finally decided on an advance in the premium on high grades, while the discounts on low grades were reduced. While this ordinarily might have been construed as a bearish step, it merely takes into recognition the improved character of the new contract, thus making it more difficult to deliver cotton on contract. The action is not expected to have any market effect. The good middling premium, for instance, was advanced to 50 points, against the old difference of 40 points, while the discount on low middling was cut from 125 points to 92 points.

Japan is expected to increase its purchases of cotton some time in the near future, which have been restricted by the fall in the price of silk. These silk bills of Japan have made exchange very rapidly in the past, and the conditions in that industry have worked strongly against the expected purchases of cotton.

Southern spot markets, as officially reported, were steady.

The local market for spot cotton was quiet and unchanged, with 7.65c for middling upland. Sales, 1,600 bales.

The market closed steady. The range of contract prices was as follows:

	High.	Low.	Close.	Pv.Close.
December	7.30	7.25	7.32@7.34	7.23@7.25
January	7.51	7.45	7.51@7.53	7.44@7.46
March	7.71	7.65	7.69@7.70	7.62@7.64
May	7.89	7.80	7.87@7.88	7.80@7.81
July	8.08	7.98	8.06@8.07	7.98@7.99
October	8.31	8.23	8.29@8.30	8.23@8.24

RECEIPTS AT LEADING PORTS.

	Yesterday.	Last Week.	Last Year.
Galveston	19,647	20,734	11,243
New Orleans	19,980	11,230	18,440
Mobile	587	1,895	638
Savannah	12,875	13,367	....
Charleston	4,067	1,577	....
Wilmington	1,848	1,092	900
Norfolk	3,059	3,967	....

RECEIPTS AT PRINCIPAL INTERIOR POINTS.

	Yesterday	Last Week.	Last Year.
Augusta	2,282	2,976	....
Memphis	1,975	6,975	3,540
St. Louis	397	3,289	....
Houston	15,219	22,180	18,611

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

	—Today.—	Last Week.	Last Year.
Galveston	19,700 to 20,400	21,739	9,559
New Orl'ns	9,300 to 10,300	4,536	6,016

Total exports yesterday, 87,557; so far this season, 2,279,059, against 5,098,383 for same period last year.

SPOT MARKETS.

Sales.		Price Middling.	Stocks 1914.	Stocks 1913.
6,785	New Orleans	7⅞	324,321	294,533
75	Mobile	7⅞	49,488	55,844
2,475	Savannah	7¼	275,626	157,832
—	Galveston	...	417,129	260,577
—	Wilmington	7⅛	41,159	30,423
—	Norfolk	7¼	68,463	63,827
—	Augusta	7⅜	163,931	91,537
1,250	Memphis	7⅛	269,083	257,256
—	St. Louis	7¼	33,251	26,639
4,141	Houston	7⅜	171,641	172,570

The Liverpool market opened quiet. There was an easy business in spot cotton, with midding at 5 points decline, at 4.53d. Sales, 5,000 bales; receipts, 5,000 bales, including 3,100 American. Closed quiet.

NEW COTTON CLEARING RULES.

Each Clearing Member Will Advance $15,000 to Guaranty Fund.

Copies of the new by-laws of the New York Cotton Exchange Clearing Association were received by the members yesterday and considerable time was taken in a discussion of the various provisions.

Some curiosity was manifested in the plan for the method of clearance. The association, by accepting contracts offered to it by Clearing House members, assumes the obligations imposed thereby and becomes vested with all the rights and benefits. It assumes to the original buyer the position of seller, and to the original seller the position of buyer. Each clearing member must make daily reports to the association of all contracts entered into.

As stated previously, each clearing member advances to the association the sum of $15,000, and the money thus advanced is to constitute a fund to be known as the "Guaranty Fund of the New York Cotton Exchange Clearing Association." The fund or any part of it which may be lost through the insolvency of any depository shall be forthwith restored by transferring to it such portion of the surplus as the Directors may deem advisable.

Original margins are to be deposited by each member upon his net interest in contracts, as follows: (a) Upon a net interest of 50,000 bales or less, $3 per bale. (b) Upon a net interest in excess of 50,000 bales and not over 100,000 bales $4 per bale upon such excess. (c) Upon all contracts in excess of 100,000 bales, $5 per bale upon such excess.

The general provisions of the plan meet with general approval, and, while the by-laws have not yet been adopted, their acceptance seems to be a foregone conclusion. While it is admitted that the establishment of a Clearing House will mean greatly increased safety in the conduct of business by the elimination of "street losses" through failures of different firms, it is also felt that the step foreshadows a radical change in the methods of doing business.

Many abuses have arisen out of the indiscriminate granting of credits to Southern clients, and most of the losses incurred in the last few years could be traced directly to this cause.

$90,000,000 IN LOAN FUND

And Cotton Committee Has Yet to Hear from Some Western Cities.

The Cotton Loan Committee had in hand yesterday signed subscriptions to the Cotton Loan Fund aggregating over $90,000,000. This does not include Baltimore, Kansas City, Minneapolis, or San Francisco, whose subscriptions total approximately $5,750,000. Those cities have advised the committee that their signed subscriptions are either on the way or will be sent within the next few days.

No recent information with respect to the balance of the subscriptions, which are to be raised by the cities of Louisville, Pittsburgh, and Richmond, has been received, but it is expected that their signed subscriptions will be received shortly.

GERMANY'S NEED OF COTTON.

May Require 2,000,000 Bales from America Next Year.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The London Times says: "There is no subject on which the German press as a rule is more anxious to keep silence than the scarcity of cotton. It is evident that every effort is now being made to get cotton from the United States.

"A report from the American Consul General in Berlin, which was drawn up ten days ago, calculates that Germany will urgently require nearly 2,000,000 bales of cotton from the United States during the next twelve months. The report says that German spinners have been keeping a portion of their looms working with such supplies as have been obtainable from Switzerland and Holland. The Swiss supplies are now stopped, and the other source is now drying up. The report quotes an article from The Berlin Borsen Courier beseeching America, 'in her own interest, to strike down the artificial barriers which British tyranny has set up against the exportation of cotton to Germany.'"

COTTON CARGO FOR GERMANY.

American Steamer Sails from Galveston with 6,300 Bales.

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 24.—The first direct shipment of cotton from Galveston to Bremen since the beginning of the European war left here today aboard the American steamship Pathfinder. The shipment consists of 6,300 bales.

The hatches of the Pathfinder were sealed by the French Consul to prevent interference with the vessel by warships of France or Great Britain.

The steamship El Paso last month took a cargo of cotton for Bremen, but cleared from this port for New York.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Secretary Ely of the Stock Exchange announced yesterday that in order to adjust the price of Central Trust Company certificates of interest in Southern Pacific stock to the price of the stock on the board, minimum prices for the certificates had been established at 92 for fully paid and 86 for part paid certificates.

The Cotton Exchange membership of A. P. Canong has been sold to J. R. Munds for another for $9,200. Thomas W. McKee has applied for admission to the Cotton Exchange.

The Stock Exchange seat of Edward Porter May has been posted for transfer to William Ellery Bright.

The Liberty National Bank will distribute among its employees a bonus of 5 per cent. of annual salaries.

A protective committee for the preferred and common stock of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad has been formed, consisting of J. S. Bache, Chairman; W. S. Crandell, E. G. Hamersly, Colgate Hoyt and W. C. Taylor.

Out of the extra dividend of 5 per cent. declared by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company recently will be paid off $1,000,000 of the outstanding notes of the Interborough-Metropolitan. The remaining $3,000,000 will be refunded by an issue of ten year 6 per cent. notes. These are to be paid off from a sinking fund at the rate of $300,000 each year.

SHORT TERM NOTES.

Security.	Rate.	Due.	Bid.	Ask.	Yield.
Amal Cop.	5	Mar. 15,'15	100⅛	100⅜	3.50
Am. Loco.	5	July, 1915	100	100½	4.00
Am. T. & T. sub.	5	Apr., 1916	100	100¼	4.90
Am. Tob., sc.	6	Sep., 1915	100⅜	101⅛	4.35
Balt. & Ohio.	4½	June, 1915	100	100⅛	4.25
Beth. Steel	5	June 11,'15	100	100¼	4.47
B'klyn R. T.	5	July, 1918	98⅝	98⅞	5.40
Can. Pacific	6	Mar. 2,'24	101½	102	5.70
Ches. & Ohio.	5	June, 1919	90	90½	7.60
C. & W. Ind.	5	Sep., 1915	99¼	99⅝	5.50
Chi. El. Rys.	5	July, 1916	93½	97⅛	6.65
Con.P.(Minn.).	6	May, 1917	95	97⅜	7.00
Erie R. R.	5	Apr., 1915	99¼	99½	6.75
Erie R. R.	5	Oct., 1915	97¾	98⅛	6.90
Erie R. R.	5½	Apr., 1917	95	96	7.30
Gen. Motors	6	Oct., 1915	100½	101	4.90
Gen. Rubber	4½	July, 1915	99	99¾	5.00
H. R. & P.	5	May, 1915	95	97	12.50
Hock. Valley.	6	Nov., 1915	99⅞	100⅛	5.85
Int. Harv.	5	Feb. 15,'15	100	100¼	3.75
Lack. Steel	5	Mar., 1915	98⅞	99⅛	7.50
L. G. & El.	6	Apr. 1,'18	95	97	7.00
L. S. & M. S.	5	Sep., 1915	99⅞	100	5.00
L. S. & M. S.	5	Dec., 1915	99⅞	100	5.00
Mich. Cent.	4½	Mar. 2,'15	100	100¼	3.50
Minn. Gen. L.	6	June 1,'17	99¼	99¾	6.20
M. T. & P.	6	Apr., 1915	99	100	6.00
N. E. Nav.	6	May, 1917	90½	91½	10.00
N. Y. Cent.	5	Apr., 1915	99½	99⅞	5.35
N. Y. Cent.	4½	May, 1915	99¼	99¾	5.19
N. Y. Cent.	5	Sep. 15,'15	98¾	99¾	5.35
N. Y. Cent.	5	Oct., 1915	98½	99¼	5.90
N.Y.,N.H.&H.	5	May, 1915	96¼	97½	12.00
Pac. G. & E.	5	Mar.25,'15	99⅞	100⅛	4.55
P. R. R. cv.	3½	Oct. 1915	99¼	99½	4.15
P. S. Corp. of N. J.	5	Mar., 1916	98¼	98¾	6.10
Sea. Air L.	5	Mar., 1916	97½	98¾	6.00
Southern Ry.	5	Feb., 1916	98¼	99¼	5.70
Southern Ry.	5	Mar., 1917	97¾	98¼	5.75
Sulz. & Sons.	6	June, 1916	98½	99½	6.35
U. S. Smelt.	5	June, 1918	94½	95½	6.50
Union Type.	5	Jan.15,'16	97½	98½	6.35
United Fruit	6	May, 1917	100	100¾	5.65
United Fruit	5	May, 1918	96½	97½	5.82
Utah Co.	6	Apl., 1917	97½	99	6.50
West. Power	6	Jne. 18,'15	99	99½	7.00

DENIAL BY ADAMS EXPRESS.

Company Will Not Get Out of Package Transportation Field.

A rumor heard in Wall Street yesterday that the Adams Express Company was considering its withdrawal from the package transportation field because of reduced profits resulting from low rates and competition with the parcel post was denied officially by the company.

"We are absolutely not considering retiring from the transportation business," said President W. M. Barrett, "because we confidently believe that through a readjustment of arrangements for express privileges to meet the changed conditions and from continued efforts to reduce expenses the result of operations will in the near future be more favorable."

The express companies are negotiating with the railroads for a reduction of charges on packages carried.

HIGH COPPER EXPORTS.

More Than 30,000,000 Pounds Sent Abroad in Three Weeks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—American copper exports to Europe reached a total of 30,724,367 pounds, valued at $3,825,474, in the first three weeks of December, according to statistics made public today by the Department of Commerce.

Nearly half of that total, or 14,862,158 pounds, was exported in the week ended Dec. 19. Of the latter amount France was the largest purchaser, taking 6,976,996 pounds; Italy second, with 3,457,042 pounds, and England third, with 3,209,461 pounds.

MOVE IN HARVESTER CASE.

Circuit Court Clears Way for Appeal to High Tribunal.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 24.—Judge Walter I. Smith of the United States Circuit Court today granted a request of the International Harvester Company for permission to perfect an abstract of evidence, filed at St. Paul on Dec. 12, so that an appeal from the dissolution decision of the Federal District Court, given at St. Paul on Aug. 12, might be made to the United States Supreme Court.

Dissolution of the Harvester Corporation was ordered by the District Court to take place within ninety days after Aug. 12, provided an appeal was not made. This appeal will be perfected soon with the aid of today's order.

ESTATE LAWYER LOCKED UP.

J. William Greenwood Charged with Misusing $7,500.

J. William Greenwood, a lawyer, 61 years old, was arrested last night at his home, 10 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn, on a warrant charging him with the misuse of $7,500 of the estate of Cornelia J. Carll, who died on Aug. 19, 1912, and of whose estate he was administrator. Mr. Greenwood refused to talk and was locked up in the Poplar Street Station.

The warrant was sworn out by Robert H. Gwyne, a lawyer of 570 Greene Avenue, counsel to the estate. The police said they had been told Greenwood's shortages would amount to about $29,000.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The railroads reporting so far for the second week of December show these aggregating changes in gross earnings, those reporting increases and those reporting decreases being stated separately:

Four roads	$1,170,609	+$184,730
Twenty-five roads	10,277,806	—2,658,100
Total (29 roads)	11,448,415	—2,473,370

LEHIGH VALLEY for November—

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Gross	$3,827,395	$3,788,936	$3,744,284
Net after taxes	820,420	974,575	1,172,533
5 mos. gross	18,906,152	19,348,066	19,081,324
Net after taxes	5,244,551	5,426,701	6,343,989

NEW YORK TRACTION LINES for the month of September, 1914, as reported to the Public Service Commission—

	Oper. Rev.	Oper. Inc.	Other Inc.
Hud. & Man.	$286,261	$153,410	$85,293
Interb., (Sub.)	1,309,132	812,433	38,271
Interb., (elev.)	1,250,550	573,338	8,982
B'klyn R. T.	2,305,489	883,481	90,763
N. Y. Consol.	716,219	298,817	87,417
B'klyn Heights	702,003	271,225	19,590
Bridge Op. Co.	20,946	6,441	......
B'klyn, Q. Co.	137,758	47,394	10,280
Coney I'd & B.	158,874	59,933	2,482
Coney I'd & G.	8,162	3,066	739
Nassau Elec.	440,925	146,625	17,658
South B'klyn	120,600	49,975	2,595
N. Y. Rys.	1,133,465	344,788	40,117
Second Av.*	82,287	28,211	......
Third Av	327,631	109,414	76,761
Dry D.& Av.A*	40,576	5,604	43
42dSt.,M.&St.N.	162,575	69,129	158
Belt Line	61,775	18,872	131
N.Y.C. Interb.	57,414	18,868	89
Union Ry	241,811	72,057	2,473
W'chester Elec.	54,722	8,037	26
Yonkers Ry	62,951	17,847	50
N. Y. & Q. Co.	119,186	5,132	220
Richm'dL.&Ry.	37,192	10,280	14,092

*Operated by receiver.

COMMODITIES MARKETS

WHEAT.

Export sales of wheat yesterday were estimated as high as 2,000,000 bushels, and leading exporters said that not in their experience had such a large business been done on the day before Christmas. There was more or less evening-up for over the holiday and liquidation of long wheat held the market within narrow bounds, closing prices being ⅛ to ¼c higher for December and May, while July was ⅛c lower. In the local cash market No. 2 red Winter wheat was quoted at $1.34½ and No. 2 hard at $1.34¼, all rail, cost, insurance, and freight, track; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.35, and No. 1 Northern Manitoba, $1.37½, cost, insurance, and freight, Buffalo.

NEW YORK PRICES.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	..	..	1.34¼	1.33⅞
May	..	..	1.37⅜	1.36½

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
May	..	..	..	1.37¼

CHICAGO PRICES.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	1.26¼	1.25¼	1.26	1.25⅝
May	1.29⅝	1.28⅛	1.29	1.28¾
July	1.20⅝	1.19½	1.19⅞	1.20

CORN.

The corn market was active and firm, prices at the close being at the top for the day, with net gains of ⅞c to 1c. In the local cash market No. 2 yellow corn was quoted at 76¼c, cost, insurance, and freight, to arrive; prime Argentine at 73c, nominal, delivered.

CHICAGO PRICES.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	66¼	65½	66¼	65⅜
May	72⅝	71¾	72⅝	71¾
July	73⅛	72½	73⅛	72½

OATS.

The market for oats was also firm with corn, and on reports of export sales of 320,000 bushels prices closing ⅝c net higher. The local cash market was steady; standard quoted at 54½c to 55c; No. 2 white, 55c to 55½c; No. 3 white, 54c to 54½c; No. 4 white, 53½c to 54c; fancy clipped white, 57c to 57½c; ordinary clipped white, 55½c to 56c, all elevator.

CHICAGO PRICES.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	49⅜	49	49¼	48⅞
May	53⅝	53	53½	53⅛

PROVISIONS.

Price changes in the market for hog products were narrow but, on the whole, the undertone was firm, and final quotations were, in most cases, slightly above the previous closing level. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were 38,000; estimated for Saturday, 18,000; Kansas City received 3,000, and Omaha 5,600.

CHICAGO PRICES.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Lard—				
January	10.32	10.32	10.32	10.30
May	10.52	10.50	10.55	10.47
Ribs—				
January	10.17	10.10	10.12	10.10
May	10.50	10.42	10.47	10.45
Pork—				
January	18.35	18.25	18.35	18.35
May	18.97	18.82	18.95	18.85

COTTONSEED OIL.

Trading in the cottonseed oil market was very quiet with operations of an evening-up character for over the holidays. Shorts in December bid prices up for that month and this had a stimulating influence on the entire list and closing prices were 4 to 11 points net higher. The range of prices follows:

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Spot	..	..	5.70@6.00	5.64
December	5.84	5.84	5.75@6.00	5.64
January	5.75	5.71	5.75@5.77	5.71
February	..	..	5.90@5.97	5.85
March	6.05	6.01	6.04@6.05	6.00
April	..	..	6.10@6.20	6.10
May	6.33	6.27	6.33@6.35	6.27
June	..	..	6.45@6.50	6.38
July	6.55	6.55	6.56@6.58	6.48

COFFEE.

The volume of business in the coffee market was a trifle larger, sales for the day amounting to 18,500 bags. Trade interests were again selling, apparently against holdings of spot coffee or against cost and freight purchases, and as the demand was scattered and not of an aggressive character prices were easier, closing at 12 to 13 points net decline. The local spot market was quiet and prices remained unchanged, with Rio 7s quoted at 7⅝c and Santos 4s at 10c.

The range of contract prices was as follows:

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	6.03	6.03	5.98@6.00	6.10
January	..	..	5.98@6.00	6.10
February	..	..	6.05@6.07	6.18
March	6.22	6.20	6.15@6.16	6.28
April	..	..	6.24@6.26	6.37
May	6.40	6.32	6.33@6.35	6.45
June	..	..	6.22@6.24	6.35
July	7.20	7.12	7.15@7.16	7.28
August	..	..	7.21@7.23	7.34
September	7.33	7.30	7.28@7.29	7.40
October	..	..	7.35@7.36	7.47
November	..	..	7.41@7.42	7.53

BUTTER AND EGG MARKET.

BUTTER.—Receipts yesterday, 3,455 packages. Market lightly supplied with fine and fancy fresh creamery and prices show further slight advance. Several jobbers were short of goods and the supply was scarcely sufficient to meet pressing needs. The secondary qualities are sharing in the improvement to some extent. Held creamery firm. Ladles and packing stock favor the seller. Creamery, extras, (92 score,) 34½@35c; higher scoring lots, 35¼@36c; firsts, 31@34c; seconds, 28@30c; thirds, 25@26½c; creamery, held, extras, (92 score,) 32½c; higher scoring lots, 32¾@33c; firsts, 30@32c; seconds, 26½@29c; State dairy, finest, 33@33½c; good to prime, 29@32c; common to fair, 24@28c; renovated, extras, 25½@26½c; firsts, 24½@25c; lower grades, 22½@24c; imitation creamery, firsts, 25@25½c; ladles, current make, firsts, 23½@24c; seconds, 23c; lower grades, 20@22c; packing stock, held, fine, 22@22½c; current make, No. 2, 21½@22c; lower grades, 19@21c.

EGGS.—Receipts yesterday, 4,394 cases, not including 3,552 cases in transit for export. Offerings of fresh-gathered eggs are moderate and contain only a small proportion of strictly fine new laid quality free from frost. Demand is rather less than yesterday, although there is still fair call for prime stock, and with advices indicating rather light supplies in transit tone is steady to firm. Storage eggs firm in the highest grades and steady for good, medium, and lower qualities. Fresh gathered, extra fine, per dozen, 39@40c; extra firsts, 37@38c; firsts, 36c; seconds, 31@35c; thirds and poorer, 24@30c; Fall refrigerator, poor to good, 19@26c; refrigerator, early packed, special marks, fancy, charges paid, 28c; firsts, 24½@25½c; seconds, 23@24c; undergrades, 16@22c; State, Pennsylvania, and near by, hennery whites, fine to fancy, 47@49c; defective, 40@45c; gathered whites, as to size and quality, 35@47c; State, Pennsylvania, and near by, hennery browns, 41@42c; gathered brown and mixed colors, 36@40c.

BUSINESS WORLD

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COMMERCIAL PAPER.

Yesterday ...4@4½ per cent. for the best names

Wednesday ..4¼@5 per cent. for the best names

The quotation is for six months' paper.

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Warehousemen's Insurance.

The warehouse industry, controlling millions of dollars' worth of property throughout the United States, is to have an insurance organization of its own. At the recent annual meeting of the American Warehousemen's Association, held at Kansas City, Mo., plans were made for the formation of a Warehousemen's Mutual Insurance Company. The new company will commence business with policies aggregating $50,000,000. A. H. Greeley of Cleveland, Ohio, is Chairman of the committee having the matter in charge.

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Claflin Decree Considered.

Judge Learned Hand, in the United States District Court yesterday, reserved decision on the form of decree calling for the sale of the assets of the H. B. Claflin Company. Charles E. Rushmore of Rushmore, Bisbee & Stern, attorneys for the receivers, submitted the document to the court, and an argument lasting two hours took place on certain technicalities involving the manner of disposing of the assets, certain features of the reorganization, &c. It is understood the court will ask that certain alterations be made in the form of the order. The delay arising out of the necessary changes to be made will not hold back the reorganization plans appreciably, as a satisfactory settlement of the matter is looked for early next week.

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Overgaiters Selling Fast.

There is an excellent demand in this market for overgaiters at the present time. According to the Retailers' Profit Service bulletin of Morse & Rogers, fawn and gray overgaiters are especially wanted. One of the new overgaiters, which has just made its appearance here, is washable, and is made of white duck with black binding and black buttons. Spring looks like another fawn and gray cloth-top, heel-foxed boot season, at least up to Easter. Many dealers who have not yet finished their Spring buying are adding light-colored back pumps to their lines. These pumps are made like last season's "Cleopatra" model, excepting that the ornament is in front instead of on the side, and the tongue is very much reduced.

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About Gray Goods Price Lists.

Comment was made yesterday by an executive of a commission house which sells gray goods on the fact that the brokers who issue price lists do not send them to the firms from which they buy. These lists are furnished to the buyers by the brokers, but for some reason the sellers are not considered. Often such lists are of no value to the commission houses, but at other times they are, notably when they have mills which could devote looms to certain constructions (at a time when the prices on these goods would admit of the necessary profit) that are idle or working on other and less profitable merchandise. As it is, however, representatives of the commission houses are often required to go hunting around the market to get an idea of prices they want to know.

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Options on Canadian Mills.

The Canadian mills adapted to the making of uniform cloths are understood to be practically under the control of the British Government. England has first call on the production of certain cloths, being preferred over the regular customers of the mills. Quite some confusion is being caused, it is said, by the fact that the manufacturers who turn out the uniforms must be supplied with all materials by the Government agents. Frequent interruptions have occurred in the shops of the manufacturers owing to this system. A requisition, for instance, will be made out for a quantity of lining, and the manufacturer will have to hold up all work until he obtains the material through the Government. In many cases the manufacturers might make far quicker deliveries if they were allowed to go into the market for their needs.

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Applies to Other Houses.

Exception has been taken to an item which appeared in this column regarding the use by one clothing house of the same grade of workmanship in manufacturing its entire line. It is pointed out that this system is not restricted to certain concerns in the clothing trade. The same conditions prevail, it is claimed, in other clothing markets beside Chicago, and this is true. In this centre, however, the majority of the output is made by contractors. Under the contracting system it is acknowledged to be practically impossible to secure the same quality of work from one shop as another, in the same way that no two mills can turn out the identical fabric. The workmanship one contractor is able to furnish may vary from what another can give to a very slight degree, but some difference is always to be found.

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Now Comes an Underwear Muddle.

There was quite a little discussion in the knit goods trade yesterday regarding the advisability of selling goods so far ahead as they are now sold by the mill agents, but more particularly about the wisdom of sending the salesmen out with Fall lines before Jan. 1. It was pointed out that early trips with Fall, 1915, merchandise had been more or less of a failure this year in the majority of cases, most of the jobbers not being in a position to cover themselves for their new season. This was especially true of the larger wholesalers. As a result of inability to get business easily, one of the Southern mills is known to have reduced its price on ribbed lines, which already showed a substantial drop from the opening price of last year. Just where the mills will come in under such tactics, if the price of cotton continues to rise, is said to be problematical.

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Mills on Army Contracts.

An investigation of the mills in this country, conducted by a selling agent anxious to determine just what amount of production has been taken up by army contracts, has led him to estimate that fully 85 per cent. of the looms making piece goods are engaged on this work. This percentage is based on the number of both woolen and worsted mills, the majority of those now making army cloth being in the former branch. The effect this condition will have on the clothing manufacturers is manifest at first glance. The cutters-up will, without doubt, have difficulty in meeting their needs for the coming heavyweight season. The situation is well illustrated in the fact that certain mill organizations have not troubled themselves getting up sample lines for the Fall. Others are very much behind hand in their preparations. All indications point to an advance of 15 per cent. in goods selling from 70 cents to $1.20 per yard.

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Raw Silk Prices Firmer.

The Yokohama raw silk market has advanced another 15 to 20 yen—$7.50 to $10—per picul, and holders there are selling only in small quantities. Sales for the week amounted to 3,600 bales, with stocks estimated at 24,000 bales. For the first time since last July, the raw silk shipments to Europe from Yokohama exceeded the 1,000 bale mark. Canton is more active, and prices have increased slightly on a fair demand for American account. Still higher prices are anticipated. Steam filatures continue very firm at Shanghai, particularly the better grades, which are in active demand and limited supply. Some business has been done in the tsatlee varieties, and tussahs are attracting more attention. The coming of a firmer feeling in the Milan market has been accompanied by the closing of many filatures, and holders of silk are firmly set against concessions. In the local market the situation is steadily improving, all sorts sharing more or less in the increased demand. Prices are advancing somewhat.

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Gray Goods Were Quiet.

The approach of the holiday put a temporary quietus on trading in the local gray goods market yesterday. One of the largest houses had not a bid made to it up to 1:30 P. M., and few of the others could say much more. There were a few small transactions, but nothing appeared during the day to cause a change in prices. As a result they were more or less firmly held at Wednesday's level. Some bids on sheetings and printcloths were made at figures slightly under the market, but they were uniformly turned down by the mills. One lot of 750,000 yards of sheetings was disposed of for export, but the construction and the buying country were not given out. Prices on standard printcloths follow:

	Spot.	Near by and Spring.	Future.
39-inch, 80-80s	5⅝c.	5⅝c.	5¾c.
39-inch, 72-76s	5c.	5⅛c.	5⅛c.
39-inch, 68-72s	4⅝c.	4½c.	4½c.
38½-inch, 64-64s	3⅞c.	3⅞c.	3⅞c.
38½-inch, 64-60s	3¾c.	3¾c.	3⅞c.
38½-inch, 64-56s	3⅝c.	3⅝c.	3⅝c.
38½-inch, 60-52s	3¼c.	3¼c.	3⅜c.
38½-inch, 60-48s	3⅛c.	3⅛c.	3¼c.
27-inch, 64-60s	2½c.	2½c.	..
27-inch, 56-52s	2⅛c.	2½c.	..

RULES FOR FREE ENTRY.

Intended for Articles for Institutions and Societies.

The Treasury Department has issued an elaborate set of regulations to govern the free entry of articles for institutions under Paragraphs 427, 573, and 611, of the Tariff act of 1913. In brief, the provisions of the law mentioned above carry duty exemption on books, maps, engravings, philosophical and scientific apparatus, and regalia and gems when specially imported in good faith by a variety of duly incorporated societies.

Article 1, of the Treasury regulations approved by Secretary McAdoo, states that the paragraphs of the tariff law enumerated above only grant free entry in cases where there is a compliance with the department's regulations. It is provided among other things that, when articles are imported for any of the institutions named in the free list, the importer shall file on entry, in addition to the declaration required by Paragraph D, of Section 3, of the Tariff act, an affidavit of an executive officer or other duly authorized representative of the institution for which the articles are intended, to the effect that the article or articles are imported solely for the use of the society so importing the goods.

Under preceding Tariff acts, institutions have been compelled to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in customs duties which might have been avoided had the proper affidavits been presented to the Custom House authorities. The regulations established by Mr. McAdoo cover the paragraphs of the law in great detail and may be consulted by those interested at the local Custom House.

ARRIVAL OF BUYERS

Arriving Buyers may register in this column by telephoning 1000 Bryant.

CLEVELAND—Miss M. Smith; millinery; Netherland.

MALVERN, Ark.—Rogers Big Store Co.; L. E. Rogers, genl. mdse, ready-to-wear; Strand.

PHILADELPHIA—Northern Straw Works; M. Kraftsow, mfrs. ladies', children's hats; Broadway Central.

SAN FRANCISCO—E. J. Rich; millinery; Aberdeen.

CLEVELAND—May Co.; S. Weill, wash goods, domestics, linens; 37 W. 26th.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.; A. S. Knowles D. G. Co.; W. E. Leonard, jobs coats, skirts; 43 W. 27th.

BALTIMORE—J. Goldenberg; mfrs. cloaks, suits; Broadway Central.

BOSTON.—Jacobs D. G. Co.; H. Jacobs, dry goods; Grand.

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The Robert Gair Company, Brooklyn, has renewed its group insurance policy with the Equitable Life Assurance Society for 1915. This blanket policy is for $1,500,000, and covers upward of 2,000 employes for the next year. Under its terms each employe is insured to an amount equal to his or her total wages for the year.

The employes have the right to designate their beneficiaries, and upon the death of one of them the beneficiary named receives within twenty-four hours the money.

Last year fourteen employes insured died. Their beneficiaries received in the aggregate $12,300, the amounts rising from a minimum of $300 to a maximum of $1,800. This form of insurance costs the employe nothing; it is paid for entirely by the employer.

SUSPENDS NEW TARIFFS.

Commerce Commission Heeds Protests Over Lighterage Charges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Proposed new lighterage charges and regulations in and about New York City by all the railroads operating in westbound freight traffic were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission until May 1. They would have become effective on Jan. 1.

The changes developed from suggestions of the commission made in its original decision on the advance rate case and were opposed by shippers. The commission suspended the tariffs and ordered an investigation to be made of them. All traffic moving to and from New York on the Western lines would be affected.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Incorporated today:

James Talcott, Inc., commission, selling agent, finance, product of mills, manufacturers, merchants, brokerage, $1,250,000; F. E. J. Frederick and J. Talcott, 7 W. 57 St.

Alfred A. Peck, Inc., insurance, realty, capital no par value; A. P. Anderson, S. J. Peck, W. E. Hyatt, 601 Union St., West Hoboken, N. J.

Case & Co., Pleasantville, laces, embroideries, $425,000; J. A. Newman, R. H. Luce, M. N. Jacobs, 16 W. 19 St., N. Y. C.

Broadway Property Corp'n, realty const'n, $100,000; R. Oliver, F. F. Randolph, R. E. McMath, 640 Riverside Drive.

Griffin Wall Paper Co., Pelham, $70,000; A. R. Gross, A. Caruso, W. W. Schlaefer, 321 E. 65 St.

Muller Export Co., commission, $25,000; H. Pope, J. Winterbotham, Jr., W. Wadsworth, 377 B'way.

Dals Auto Supply & Accessory Co., $25,000; D. L., A. L., and Beatrice Schane, 473 W. 158 St.

Robert Patten Cut Stone Co., Niagara Falls, $15,000; F. Freeberg, A. Hallat, R. W. Patten.

B. & M. Building Construction Co., $20,000; T. B. Hoy, G. E. Toulopoulos, M. Matthys, 182 E. 32 St., B'klyn.

Hallegan Realty Corp'n, $10,000; T. F. Doyle, A. V. Kenealy, W. F. Wund, 2,676 Morris Av.

Merrah Realty Co., $5,000; J. A. Flaum, J. J. and F. Lese, 133 E. 80 St.

N. S. & H. Co., instruments, appliances, advertising, $10,000; A. M. Thackara, Jr., W. H. Heineken, Blaine Ewing, 101 Park Av.

Jean Malcuit, Inc., furniture, $5,000; Severn Malcuit, H. A. Leschinsky, C. Levy, 390 Vernon Av., B'klyn.

Kalfer Co., Queens, dental, medical supplies, $6,200; J. P. Hinckley, F. F. Fischer, C. Myron Kaletsky, Jamaica.

Alliance Sales Co., Albany, realty, brokerage, $5,000; G. I. Sleicher, C. P. and E. P. Haas, Albany.

Santini & Co., Bronx, moving van, storage, garage, $5,000; S. Barbetti, C. Santini, A. Levy, 668 E. 179 St.

B. Goldman Co., wines, liquors, $5,000; D. M. Palley, L. I. Gerber, L. S. Greenberg, East Elmhurst.

Lysteb Realty & Holding Co., $5,000; F. and Benj. Locker, R. M. Goldstein, 1,489 Edgewater Road.

W. 67 St. Garage, $5,000; L. Carlin, R. O'Rourke, S. L. Cohen, 31 Nassau St.

Superior Export Co., brokerage, commission, $5,000; D. P. Dilworth, B. V. Butterfield, Ralph L. Meixall, 1,012 Park Av., Hoboken, N. J.

Westcott's Laundry, Utica, $30,000; M. S. Squires, L. C. and W. C. Westcott.

Syracuse Lumber Co., Syracuse, $10,000; A. F. Eckel, C. H. and E. F. Canfield.

East Side Vienna Roll Baking, $10,000; A. Spiegelman, N. Suchadolow, A. S. Adelson, 74 Rivington St.

Auxiliary Educational League, printing, publishing, $5,000; R. A. Hiller, Emil F. and F. R. Nighlutsch, 115 W. 71 St.

Pescatore Realty Corpn., $30,000; H. G. Wenzel, Jr., Arthur W. Dalton, William Hollinger, 46 Cedar St.

Company Lyonaise, silk fabrics, $5,000; Bernard A. Shalek, J. Canter, G. S. Kleeberg, 110 W. 76 St.

Parkway Palace, Bklyn., restaurant, hotel, amusement, $5,000; B. Walker, S. Goldstein, L. G. F. Rich, 2,147 Honeywell Av.

Excavation & Foundation Co., $5,000; D. S. Bellows, M. Frowitz, A. H. Deamant, 611 W. 114th St.

Alteral Drug Corpn., $5,000; J. W. Greene, Jr., A. Wilkinson, H. H. Jarrett, Grand View.

Millers Brass Fitting Co., $6,000; D. and S. Miller, I. Speiss, 268 W. 39 St.

Authorization: Hood Tire Co., Massachusetts, $20,000; Rep., L. R. Moore, 1,787 B'way.

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Sandy Hook	2:00	2:22	8:19	8:28
Governors Island	2:42	3:00	9:22	9:21
Hell Gate	4:32	4:50	11:02	11:11

Arrived—Thursday, Dec. 24.

SS Ryndam, Rotterdam, Dec. 11.
SS Bergensfjord, Bergen, Dec. 14.
SS Caracas, San Juan, Dec. 19.
SS Trinidad, Bermuda, Dec. 21.
SS Santa Marta, Colon, Dec. 17.
SS El Rio, New Orleans, Dec. 19.
SS Apache, Jacksonville, Dec. 21.
SS Comanche, Jacksonville, Dec. 21.
SS Toronto, Boston, Dec. 21.
SS Vasari, Rio Janeiro, Dec. 9.
SS Brika, Huelva, Nov. 24.
SS Indrani, Bordeaux, Nov. 27.

Incoming Steamships.

DUE TODAY.

Vessel	From	Date
Finland	Genoa	Dec. 13
Massapequa	Rotterdam	Nov. 27
Boisheim	Penarth	Dec. 4
Prins der Nederlanden	Haiti	Dec. 13
Chicago City	Swansea	Dec. 5
Kentra	Rio Janeiro	Nov. 28
Oosterdyk	Rotterdam	Dec. 6
Laura	Rotterdam	Dec. 7
Terje Virken	Santos	Nov. 21
Kronprins Frederik	Shields	Dec. 6
Honduras	Mobile	Dec. 14
Chicago	Havre	Dec. 14
Randelsborg	Shields	Dec. 9
Munwood	Matanzas	Dec. 18
Zaandyk	Rotterdam	Dec. 10
Kentuckian	Balboa	Dec. 15
Manzanillo	Puerto Mexico	Dec. 15
Ryswyck	Barry	Dec. 10
United States	Copenhagen	Dec. 11
Soestdyk	Rotterdam	Dec. 11
Rachel	London	Dec. 10
Enrico	Fiume	Dec. 4
Mayaro	Grenada	Dec. 18
Comal	Galveston	Dec. 19
El Occidente	Galveston	Dec. 19
City of St. Louis	Savannah	Dec. 22

DUE TOMORROW.

Vessel	From	Date
Hero	Seville	Dec. 2
Manin	Naples	Dec. 9
Skulda	Methil	Dec. 10
Lenape	Jacksonville	Dec. 23
Bayamo	Havana	Dec. 22
Iowan	Cristobal	Dec. 18

DUE SUNDAY.

Vessel	From	Date
Enrico Mello	Fiume	Dec. 4
Bur	Penarth	Dec. 12
Veenbergen	Rotterdam	Dec. 9
Pannonia	Glasgow	Dec. 16
Eastern Prince	Victoria	Dec. 3
Iroquois	San Domingo	Dec. 20
City of Savannah	Savannah	Dec. 24
Cameronia	Glasgow	Dec. 19
Neler	Shields	Dec. 10
Comal	Galveston	Dec. 19

Outgoing Steamships.

SAIL TODAY.

	Mails Close.	Vessels Sail.
Apache, Jacksonville	—	1:00 P.M.
Madison, Norfolk	—	3:00 P.M.

SAIL TOMORROW.

	Mails Close.	Vessels Sail.
St. Louis, Liverpool	8:30 A.M.	12:00 M.
Saratoga, Havana	8:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Bermudian, Bermuda	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Coamo, San Juan	9:00 A.M.	12:00 M.
Metapan, Jamaica	9:00 A.M.	12:00 M.
Vigilancia, Nassau	9:00 A.M.	12:00 M.
Manchioneal, Jamaica	9:30 A.M.	12:00 M.
Minnewaska, London	—	1:00 P.M.
Italia, Naples	—	3:00 P.M.
Bayamon, San Juan	—	12:00 M.
Comanche, Jacksonville	—	1:00 P.M.
Medina, Galveston	—	1:00 P.M.
Sabine, Tampa	—	1:00 P.M.
City of St. Louis, Savannah	—	3:00 P.M.
Santa Theresa, Havana	—	12:00 M.
Oceana, Bermuda	—	11:00 A.M.
Antilles, New Orleans	—	12:00 M.
El Sud, Galveston	—	12:00 M.

SAIL MONDAY.

	Mails Close.	Vessels Sail.
Jamestown, Norfolk	—	3:00 P.M.

SAIL TUESDAY.

	Mails Close.	Vessels Sail.
Chicago, Havre	12:00 M.	3:00 P.M.
Ryndam, Rotterdam	8:30 A.M.	12:00 M.
Algonquin, San Domingo	12:00 M.	3:00 P.M.
Highland Harris, Argentina	12:00 M.	3:00 P.M.
Lenape, Jacksonville	—	1:00 P.M.
City of Savannah, Savannah	—	3:00 P.M.

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SS Lampasas, Mobile to New York, was 49 miles W. of Tampa Bar at noon.
SS El Occidente, Galveston to New York, was 183 miles S. at noon.
SS Tivives, Limon to New York, was 1,067 miles S. at 7 P. M.
SS Brabant, Tampico to New York, was 65 miles N. of Jupiter at noon.
SS City of St. Louis, Savannah to New York, was 144 miles from Overfalls at noon.
SS Currier, Porto Rico to New York, was 145 miles from Overfalls at 7 P. M.
SS Lenape, Jacksonville to New York, was 495 miles S. at 7 P. M.
SS W. B. Keene, Belfast to New York, was 236 miles S. at 7 P. M.
SS Colorado, Galveston to New York, was 186 miles E. of Galveston at 7 P. M.
SS El Alba, Galveston to New York, was 45 miles W. of Tortugas at 6 P. M.
SS Carolina, San Juan to New York, was 886 miles N. of San Juan at 8 P. M.

Foreign Ports.

Arrived.

SS Lapland, at Liverpool, Dec. 24.
SS Duca degli Abruzzi, at Genoa, Dec. 22.
SS Beatrice, at Bergen, Dec. 16.
SS Romsdal, at Kirkwall, Dec. 21.
SS Cuyahoga, at London, Dec. 23.
SS Trent, at London, Dec. 23.
SS Bristol City, at Bristol, Dec. 24.
SS Madonna, at Marseilles, Dec. 22.

Sailed.

SS Arabic, from Liverpool, Dec. 23.
SS Gothier, from Copenhagen, Dec. 15.
SS Storfond, from Santos, Dec. 23.
SS Venezia, from Marseilles, Dec. 22.

Passed.

SS Maskinonge, New York for Rotterdam, passed Lizard.
SS Horace, New York for Manchester, passed Kinsale.
SS Lucilini, New York for Havre, passed Lizard.

Transatlantic Parcel Post Mails.

Great Britain and Ireland—Close at 5 P. M. Dec. 25, SS St. Louis.
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Sweden and Denmark—Close at 9:30 A. M. Jan. 2, SS United States.
Norway—Close at 9:30 A. M. Jan. 2, SS Bergensfjord.
Italy—Close at 5 P. M. Dec. 29, SS Stampalia.

Transpacific Mails.

These mails close at 6:30 P. M.

Hawaii, (via San Francisco)—Matsonia .... Dec. 25
Guam, (via San Francisco)—U. S. Transport .... Dec. 31
Japan, Corea, and China (via Seattle)—Seattle Maru .... Dec. 31
Hawaii (via San Francisco)—Sierra.. Dec. 31
Tahiti, Marquesas, Cook Islands, New Zealand, and Australia, (except West,) (via San Francisco)—

Pacific Mails.

Postmaster Morgan announces that mails of the following dates—Yokohama, Dec. 4, and Honolulu, Dec. 14—which arrived at San Francisco per steamer Nippon Maru, were dispatched east on Dec. 21, and are due in New York on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 26.

Postmaster Morgan announces that mails of the following dates—Manila, Nov. 21; Kobe, Dec. 5, and Yokohama, Dec. 6—which arrived per steamer Antilochus, were dispatched east from Seattle on Dec. 21, and are due in New York on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 26.

Weather in Cotton and Grain States

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Forecast:

N. Car. and S. Car.—Rain Fri., Sat. clearing and colder; fresh e. and s. e. winds.

Ga.—Rain Fri.; colder at night. Sat., clearing and colder, with a cold wave; fresh, shifting winds.

Fla.—Cloudy Fri., probably rains in n. and cen.; colder in n. w. Sat., fair and colder, with a cold wave in n.; fresh, shifting winds.

Ala. and Miss.—Rain, followed by clearing and much colder Fri.; cold wave at night. Sat., fair and colder; fresh, shifting winds, becoming n. w.

La.—Clearing and much colder, with a cold wave Fri. Sat., fair; colder on the coast; fresh n. w. winds.

East. Tex.—Cloudy and much colder Fri.; cold wave in n. e. Sat., fair; fresh n. winds.

West. Tex.—Cloudy and colder Fri. Sat., fair.

Utah—Fair Fri. and Sat.

Okla.—Fair and colder Fri. Sat., fair.

Ark.—Snow, followed by clearing and much colder, with a cold wave Fri. Sat., fair.

Tenn. and Ky.—Snow, followed by clearing and much colder, with a cold wave Fri. Sat., fair.

Ill.—Fair and colder Fri., preceded by snow in extreme s. Sat., fair; fresh n. winds.

Lower Mich. and Wis.—Fair and continued cold Fri. and probably Sat.; fresh n. winds.

Upper Mich. and Minn.—Fair and continued cold Fri. and probably Sat.

Iowa—Fair and colder Fri. Sat., fair.

Mo.—Fair and colder Fri.; cold wave in s. and central.

N. Dak.—Fair Fri. Sat., fair; not so cold.

S. Dak. and Neb.—Cloudy Fri. Sat., fair.

Kan.—Fair and colder Fri. Sat., fair.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The centre of a disturbance that developed over the upper Lake region and the Ohio Valley Wednesday night has moved to western New York, and it has been attended by snows in the Ohio Valley, the Great Lakes region, the Middle Atlantic States, and New England.

Another storm that has moved eastward from Arizona to Louisiana has caused rains in the south Atlantic and Gulf States, Tennessee, and Arkansas, and snow and rain in the south Rocky Mountain region.

In other parts of the country the weather remained fair.

Temperatures remain moderate throughout the middle and south Atlantic and Gulf States, while unseasonably cold weather prevails along the northern border and in the upper Mississippi and Missouri Valleys. Temperatures were below [illegible] night in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Northern Iowa.

The weather will be cloudy, with probably snow Friday and fair Saturday in the Middle Atlantic States and New England, Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, while there will be rains Friday, followed by fair Saturday in the South Atlantic and Gulf States. In all other parts of the country the weather will be fair Friday and Saturday.

The temperature will be lower Friday and Saturday throughout the Atlantic and Gulf States and the Ohio Valley. Cold weather will continue Friday and Saturday in the upper lake region and the Upper Mississippi and Missouri Valleys.

Cold wave warnings have been issued for Illinois, portions of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri, and also for Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Northern Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Northeastern Texas.

Winds along the North Atlantic Coast will be gentle to fresh, variable becoming north; Middle Atlantic Coast, fresh and shifting, mostly north; South Atlantic Coast, fresh east and south east.

FORECASTS: TODAY AND SATURDAY.

Eastern New York, southern New England, New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania—Cloudy and colder, probably local snows Friday; Saturday, fair and colder.

Western New York—Snow flurries and colder Friday; Saturday, fair.

Northern New England—Cloudy Friday; Saturday, partly cloudy; colder in southern portions of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

The temperature record for the twenty-four hours ended at midnight, taken from the thermometer at the local office of the United States Weather Bureau, is as follows:

	1913.	1914.		1913.	1914.
3 A. M.	40	20	4 P. M.	48	24
6 A. M.	39	20	6 P. M.	46	25
9 A. M.	39	22	9 P. M.	44	27
12 M.	47	25	11 P. M.	44	26

This thermometer is 414 feet above the street level. The average temperature yesterday was 24; for the corresponding date last year it was 44; average on the corresponding date for the last thirty-three years, 33.

The temperature at 8 A. M. yesterday was 22, at 8 P. M. it was 27. Maximum temperature, 27 degrees at 8 P. M.; minimum, 20 degrees at 3 A. M. Humidity, 59 per cent. at 8 A. M.; 82 per cent. at 8 P. M.

The barometer at 8 A. M. yesterday registered 30.28 inches, at 8 P. M. it stood at 30.00 inches.

FIRE RECORD.

A. M.		Loss.
12:40	133 E. 121 St.; Harry Smith	Slight
12:55	Grand Concourse at 176 St.; automobile; Saml. Lenchback	$1,200
3:55	225-227 W. 39 St.; American Press Association	Slight
4:30	316 W. 49 St.; Wm. Forshe	$25,000
8:55	901 E. 167 St.; Benj. Cohen	Slight
9:25	Ft. of 186 Canal St.; automobile; Harry Sayne	Not given
9:45	522 E. 11 St.; Saml. Wolf	Slight
10:05	251 W. 136 St.; not given	Slight
10:05	99 2 Av.; not given	None
10:55	106 Monroe St.; Sam Rosenblatt	Slight
11:25	1,000 Simpson St.; not given	Slight
P. M.		
12:25	110 Madison St.; S. Minsky	$10
1:15	20 Delancey St.; L. Laudesman	Slight
1:20	85th St. & 2 Av.; Hoffman Taxi Co.; taxicab	$20
1:05	214 E. 19 St.; Paul Schopack	Slight
1:25	272 3 Av.; Dr. Clansnitzer	Slight
2:15	159 W. 33 St.; Frank Cassidy	Slight
4:20	3,122 W. 47 St.; not given	Slight
4:20	142 W. 30 St.; Elias Cohen	Slight
4:25	152 Cherry St.; Serbuano Lucia	$10
5:20	11 W. 25 St.; Isaac Drasnar	Slight
8:15	39-41 W. 38 St.; Meaderthal & Co.	Not given
8:30	953 Walton Ave.; Wm. Barber	Slight
8:55	71 Broome St.; Max Titley	$5
8:55	7 W. 21 St.; Prince & Metchnick	Slight
10:50	211 E. 18 St.; Dr. Hofman	$500
11:05	65 E. B'way; R. & B. Dress Co.	$1,500

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

City.

Dates for physical tests are announced as follows:

Water Meter Inspector, Dec. 29, and 30. There are 922 candidates.

Engineer Inspector, Dec. 31. There are 163 candidates.

United States.

The commission announces a competitive examination at the New York Custom House for laboratory aid in physics, for both men and women, on Jan. 20 and 21, to fill vacancies in the Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., at salaries ranging from $600 to $720 a year. It is desired to secure persons who have had at least two years' college training and who are interested in physics. Competitors will be examined in elementary algebra, geometry, and trigonometry, general physics, elementary mechanical drawing, education, training, and experience. The position of aid in the various branches of the Bureau of Plant Industry offers many advantages to young persons who are desirous of taking up certain lines of special or scientific work, either in the Department of Agriculture, the State experiment stations, or elsewhere. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but not their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. Further information may be obtained from the commission, Washington, D. C.

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THE REAL ESTATE FIELD

West End Avenue Corner Sold for New Apartment Involving $1,200,000 Investment—Washington Heights Deal—Harlem Corner Resold—Suburban Buyers—Business Leases

Indications of a well-sustained demand for high-class apartments in the choice west side district were revealed yesterday in one of the important deals of the season in that section, involving the purchase of the vacant plot on the southwest corner of West End Avenue and Eighty-eighth Street. It was bought by the Paterno Construction Company, of which Dr. Charles Paterno is President, and it was announced that the plot will be improved at once with a thirteen-story structure.

The property was sold by Meta Malchow of Baltimore and Miss Grace Bruning of Brooklyn, Stoddard & Mark acting as attorneys for Dr. Paterno in the transaction. The plot is 100.5 on the avenue by 100 on the street, and is one of the few large corners on the avenue available for a big apartment operation. The southeast corner was improved over a year ago with the twelve-story Chautauqua apartment.

Dr. Paterno's projected structure on the southwest corner will have five suites to a floor, and the entire investment, when completed, will represent about $1,200,000. Dr. Paterno has been an active operator on the west side, and is now completing two thirteen-story houses on the block front on the north side of Eighty-fourth Street, between Broadway and West End Avenue.

Slawson & Hobbs were the brokers who negotiated the transaction.

$65,000 Heights Deal.

Another investment purchase in Washington Heights was announced yesterday by the A. N. Gitterman Corporation, which sold for the Buywell Realty Company to Robert C. Ryder, 510 and 512 West 147th Street. The property, which was held at $65,000, consists of a five-story apartment house on a plot 50 by 99.11, located between Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway.

Harlem Corner Resold.

Joseph Shenk has resold to Jacob Axelrod 2,521 and 2,523 Seventh Avenue, a six-story tenement, with stores, occupying a plot 40 by 100 on the northeast corner of 146th Street. The seller purchased the property from the Dry Dock Savings Institution a couple of weeks ago.

Buyer for Old Church.

A buyer has been secured for the old African Zion Methodist Episcopal Church at 127 West Eighty-ninth Street. The structure occupies a plot, 75 by 100.8, between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues, and is directly opposite Public School 166.

The congregation acquired the property in 1903 and worshipped there up to last January, when it purchased the Church of the Holy Redeemer at 153 West 136th Street. The transfer will have to be confirmed by the Supreme Court.

Bronx.

The Schoen Westchester Realty Company has sold for the Steinmetz Construction Company 2,075 Daly Avenue, a five-story new-law tenement, on a plot 44 by 105. The buyer is an investor.

Brooklyn.

Henry Rockmore has sold the following two-story two-family brick dwellings, each 20 by 100: 1,119 Glenmore Avenue to S. Elizabeth Hoerig; 467 Railroad Avenue to Joseph Makahan; 477 Railroad Avenue to Bertha Mangan; 479 Railroad Avenue to Amelia Schildknecht; 481 Railroad Avenue to Sophie Koetzle; 483 Railroad Avenue to Ada H. Schulz, and 487 and 491 Railroad Avenue to Jacob Heesmann.

H. A. Crosby has sold 593 and 595 Linden Avenue, two two-story brick dwellings, for the Moreland Operation Company to Frederick Randall, and 132 Clifton Place, a two-family white stone dwelling, for A. H. O'Malley to Laura Baker.

Buys Newark Houses.

Feist & Feist have sold for William Hesselbacher to John B. Buchanan the two three-story and basement dwellings at 453 and 455 South Twelfth Street, Newark, 100 feet north of Fifteenth Avenue.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

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Westchester County.

At Nepperhan Heights H. C. Riis of Richmond Hill, L. I., has purchased two lots on Grand View Avenue, overlooking the Nepperhan Valley, for immediate improvement, and David L. Quade of Brooklyn has bought two plots on Buckingham Road, opposite the Smellie residence.

Jacob E. Neahr has purchased from the plans a dwelling to be erected by the Model Building Company at Greenacres Scarsdale Estates.

Business Leases.

John N. Golding has leased for Peck & Peck the fourth and fifth floors at 586 Fifth Avenue for a term of years to the Lichtenstein Millinery Company, which will connect the floors with their present building, adjoining, at 584 Fifth Avenue.

Pease & Elliman have leased at 200 West Fifty-eighth Street, in the new twelve-story apartment house belonging to James B. Duke, a store to John W. Ferrier.

Louis Hutter, in conjunction with Morris Ginsky, has leased the North Star Theatre, on the north corner of Fifth Avenue and 106th Street, to a client, for a term of years.

Douglas L. Elliman & Co. have leased the store at 124 East Forty-first Street for Mrs. J. L. McKay to the Spray Carbonator Company.

Real Estate Notes.

The Real Estate Board room will be closed today and Saturday.

Three barge canal terminals will be located in the borough of Queens, one on the East River, just north of the Queensboro Bridge; one on Hallet's Cove, at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, and the other on Flushing Bay, just west of Flushing Creek.

This was decided at a recent meeting of the State Canal Board in Albany, at which time the necessary resolutions were adopted and the appropriation maps approved for the two sites in Long Island City.

Henry C. Johnson, Jr., of Astoria, L. I., has been appointed Transfer Tax Appraiser for Queens County.

John N. Golding has loaned to Dr. Alexander Duane on the property 139 East Thirty-seventh Street $20,000 at 5 per cent., and he has procured for the Aldus Construction Company a loan of $3,500 on the property on the east side of Haven Avenue, 74 feet north of 169th Street, 26 by 134.

RESULTS AT AUCTION.

AT 14 VESEY STREET.

By Bryan L. Kennelly.

Amsterdam Av, 933-935, s e corner of 106th St, 47.10x100, six-story apartment house and stores; Postal Life Insurance Co. against W. F. Burns Realty Co. et al.; C. C. Lockwood, attorney; G. F. Harriman, referee; due, $172,858.48; taxes, &c., $4,385.13; to the plaintiff for $158,000.

Bolton Road, w s, 60 ft n of 208th St, 199.11 x533 to Hudson River x203.2x485.2; also parcel of land beginning at a point 112.10 ft n of 208th St, runs w — to Bolton Road x s e, e, and n e — x n w, two-story dwelling and vacant; Postal Life Insurance Co. against U. C. Burns et al.; C. C. Lockwood, attorney; G. F. Harriman, referee; due $118,480.99; taxes, &c., $2,185.70; to the plaintiff for $105,000.

By D. P. Ingraham & Co.

Madison Av, 1,493-95, e s, 50.11 ft n of 102d St, 50x100, six-stroy flat and stores; withdrawn.

By Henry Brady.

104th St, 312 East, s s, 100.6 ft e of 2d Av, 24.6x100.11; four-story tenement and stores; adjourned to Jan. 7.

AT 3,208 THIRD AVENUE.

By James L. Wells Company.

Perry Av, 3,330, e s, 400 ft s of Gun Hill Road, 25x100, two-story dwelling; Lillie Sanger against Albert Guissart et al.; Niles & J., attorneys; Alex. Karlin, referee; due, $2,295.41; taxes, &c., $461.04; subject to mortgage of $4,750; Francis C. Nickerson, a party in interest, for $5,250.

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Alterations.

Items under $5,000 omitted.

45TH ST, 17 and 19 West, to a ten-story loft; Midville Realty Co., 6 West 37th St, owner; H. C. Severance, 4 West 37th St, architect, cost.........$5,000

GREAT JONES ST, 48 and 50, to a seven-story loft; Great Jones St Realty Co., 326 Columbus Av, owner; H. H. Holly, 38 West 32d St, architect, cost.........$20,000

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.

With name and address of purchaser and attorney. When attorney's name is omitted address party of the second part.

Manhattan.

AUDUBON AV, n e corner of 185th St, runs e 120x n 53.10x w 25x n 169.11 to s s of 186th St, x w 95 ft to e s Av x s 214.10 ft to begin.; Aspinwall Apartments, Inc., to Allenel Construction Co., 30 East 42d St, (mtg $225,000,) Dec. 22; attorneys, Wolf & Kohn, 203 Broadway.........$100

LAFAYETTE ST, 419 and 421, e s, 410.7 ft s of Astor Place, 52.1x150x irreg.; Jennie W. Schiffer et al., executors, &c., Walter A. Schiffer to Jack W. Schiffer, 555 Park Av, ½ part, June 1; attorneys, Liebmann & T., 233 Broadway.........Court order

PLEASANT AV, 289, w s, 60.7 ft n of 115th St, 15x74; Angela Grippa to Antonio Trezza, 318 East 114th St, (mtg $3,500,) Dec. 24; attorney, S. A. Cotillo, 96 Liberty St.......$1

RIVINGTON ST, n e corner of Lewis St, 25x100; Lena Stoloff et al. to Edw. Ash, 316 West 103d St, Dec. 18; attorneys, Alexander & Ash, 92 William St.........$100

WASHINGTON ST, w s, 142 ft n of Spring St, 40.3x115; Frances E. Baker et al., executrix, to Baker & Williams, 512 Washington St, Dec. 24, (mtg $20,000;) attorney, Lawyers' Title Insurance Co., 160 Broadway.........$38,000

2D AV, e s, 75.5 ft s of 117th St, 25.6x84.10; Samuel J. Wagstaff, referee, to Theresa Niekemper, 680 Manhattan Av, Dec. 24; attorney, Hy C. Botty, 140 Nassau St.$13,000

3D AV, w s, 49.11 ft s of 127th St, 24.11x100; W. S. Keiley, referee, to John D. Hass, administrator, 247 West 102d St, Dec. 16; attorney, Charles A. Flammer, 51 Chambers Street.........$31,100

13TH ST, s s, 195 ft w of 5th Av, 40x—; George J. Rick to George W. Webb, Jersey City, N. J., (mtg $147,500,) Dec. 24; attorney, R. N. Voorhis, 140 5th Av.........$100

33D ST, n s, 81.1 ft e of 3d Av, 98.11x107.4; Salomon Block to Julius B. Fox, Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 19; attorneys, M. S. & I. S. Isaacs, 52 William St.........$100

33D ST, n s, 105.9 ft e of 3d Av, 24.8x107.5; Abraham Goldenblum to Julius B. Fox, Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 21; attorneys, M. S. & I. S. Isaacs, 52 William St.........$100

33D ST, 203 to 209 East, n s, 81.1 ft e of 3d Av, 98.1x107.4; Salomon Block to Lee Rovere, 45 Gerry Av, Elmhurst, Borough of Queens, Dec. 19; attorneys, M. S. & I. S. Isaacs, 52 William St.........$100

SAME PROPERTY; Leo Rovere and another to Julius B. Fox, 520 Ocean Av, Jersey City, all liens, Dec. 22; attorneys, same.........$100

35TH ST, n s, 350 ft e of 7th Av, 75x98.9; McMorrow Engineering and Construction Co. to Minaret Building Co., 271 West 125th St, (mtg $385,000,) Dec. 23; attorney, Thomas McMorrow, 26 Liberty St.........$1

44TH ST, 407 West, n s, 125 ft w of 9th Av, 25x100.4; Julia T. Farley, executrix of Bridget Tracy, to Mary B. Branigan, 320 West 45th St, (mtg $13,000,) Dec. 23; attorney, T. J. Ryan, 165 Broadway......$16,250

55TH ST, s s, 425 ft w of 6th Av, 25x100.5; Thomas H. Hubbard to Sibyl F. Hubbard, 16 West 58th St, Dec. 22; attorneys, Butler, B. W. & C., 54 Wall St.........$1

67TH ST, n s, 100 ft w of Central Park West, 150x100.5; Fullerton-Weaver Realty Co. to Hotel Des Artistes, 33 West 67th St, (mtg $155,000,) Dec. 23; attorney, Lawyers Title Co., 160 Broadway.........$100

78TH ST, s s, 275 ft w of Amsterdam Av, 17x102.2; Jennie W. Schiffer et al., executors, &c. of Walter A. Schiffer, to Jack W. Schiffer, 555 Park Av, June 1; attorneys, Liebmann & T., 233 Broadway..Court order

94TH ST, s s, 234.6 ft w of Park Av, 20.6x100.8; Elek J. Ludvigh, referee, to Dawson C. Glover, Fairfield, Conn., Dec. 23; attorney, Albert Handy, 140 Nassau St....$20,000

104TH ST, 66 West, s s, 100 ft e of Columbus Av, 31.4x100.11; Adeline C. Wilcox to Theresa Lemmon, 319 West 94th St, (mtg $30,000,) Dec. 24; attorney, Mark Aron, 27 Cedar St.........$100

SAME PROPERTY; Theresa Lemmon to Harry Hirschfeld, 122 West 114th St, (mtg $30,000,) Dec. 24; same attorney.........$100

115TH ST, s s, 145 ft w of 5th Av, 50x100.11; Eberhardt & Podgur to Progress Holding Co., 35 Nassau St, Dec. 23, (mtg $39,500;) attorney, Title Guarantee Co., 176 B'way.$1

122D ST, s s, 374.9 ft w of Lenox Av, 17.6x100.11; Wallace Shisley to August Herzog, Jamaica, L. I., Dec. 23, (mtg $13,700).$20,000

129TH ST, s s, 97 ft w of Lenox Av, 26.6x99.11; James A. Lynch, referee, to Louis Haupt, 232 East 19th St, Dec. 24; attorneys, Amend & A., 119 Nassau St....$21,500

129TH ST, s s, 123.6 ft w of Lenox Av, 26.6x99.11; same to Otto F. Meeske, 720 Riverside Drive, Dec. 24; attorneys, same.$21,500

Bronx.

EDWARDS AV, Lot 117, map Seton Homestead; Smada Realty Co. to Morton M. Green, 3,078 Perry Av, (mtg $3,750,) Dec. 22; attorney, Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 176 Broadway.........$100

GILBERT PLACE, 1,221, n s, 25x100; Margaret Rendall to Emma A. Mayhew, 1,522 Pacific St, Brooklyn, Dec. 18; attorney, A. Sharum, 170 Broadway.........$1

HOFFMAN ST, e s, being Lot A D, map of Cedar Hill plot, 25x118.9; T. J. Cunningham to Theresa McEvenie, 228 East 9th St, Brooklyn, Dec. 23; attorney, Theresa McEvenie, 228 East 9th St, Brooklyn....$100

LONGFELLOW AV, e s, 275 ft n of 172d St, 25x100; Vincenzo Picciotti and another to Pasquale Ruffolo, 6 Barrow St, (mtg $5,000,) Dec. 22; attorney, E. F. Moran, 51 Chambers.........$100

LOT 59, map in partition of Wells v. Storer et al.; Morton Green to Smada Realty Co., 391 East 149th St, Dec. 24; attorney, Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 176 Broadway.$100

SAME PROPERTY; Smada Realty Co. to John Whalen, 577 East 137th St, (mtg $25,000,) Dec. 24; attorney, same.........$100

MANIDOR ST, s w s, 158.1 ft s e of Garrison Av, 25x100; Dorothy Reutler to Emily Veit, 434 E. 153d St, (mtg $9,000,) Dec. 2; attorney, Lawyers Title Insurance and Trust Co., 160 Broadway.........$1

PROSPECT AV, w s, 20.3 ft s of 152d St, 18.6x100; Louis Lewis to Adelaide Lewis, 651 Prospect Av, Dec. 22; attorneys, Gettner, S. & A., 299 Broadway.........$1

PROSPECT AV, e s, 126.9 ft s of Jennings St, 40.5x98.9; Ira L. Wood to Rebecca Mayer, 45 East 82d St, (mtg $26,500,) Dec. 21; attorney, Lawyers Title Insurance and Trust Co., 160 Broadway.........$1

ROGERS PLACE, w s, 593.10 ft n of Westchester Av, 20x78; Smada Realty Co. to Morton M. Green, 3,098 Perry Av, (mtg $3,000,) Dec. 22; attorney, Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 176 Broadway.........$100

SIMPSON ST, w s, 252.1 ft n of Lyons Av, 25x100; John Reinschmidt to Amelia Reinschmidt, 2,426 Morris Av, Nov. 25; attorney, J. De Hart, 1,039 Fox St.........$100

VALENTINE AV, e s, 110.5 ft s of Macombs Dam Road, 100x250; Progress Holding Co. to Eberhardt & Podgur, 1,029 East 163d St, (mtg $18,000;) attorney, Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 176 Broadway.........$1

133D ST, s s, 29 ft w of Willow Av, 25x100; J. F. M. Co. to Catherine Cunningham, 12 Temple Court, Brooklyn, Dec. 23; attorney, A. Knox, 198 Broadway.........$100

146TH ST, s s, Lot 228, map Mott Haven, 50x100; Max Bendit, referee, to Francis H. Bolton, 326 Claremont Av, Brooklyn, and another, Dec. 22; attorney, J. A. Lane, 320 Broadway.........$8,000

150TH ST, 527 East, n s, 150 ft e of Brook Av, 25x100; David Cohen to Harry H. Cohen, 126A West 127th St, (mtg $16,500,) Dec. 23; attorneys, Cahn & P., 406 East 149th St.$100

RECORDED MORTGAGES.

With name and address of lender and lender's attorney. Interest is at 5 per cent. unless otherwise specified.

Manhattan.

BAXTER ST, 142, n w s, 25x77; Magdalena Baumann to Clara Wiener, 56 East 87th St, Dec. 23, due as per bond; attorney, Title Guarantee Co., 176 Broadway.........$4,500

PLEASANT AV, w s, 60.7 ft n of 115th St, 15x74; Angela Grippa to Annie Dodd, 576 Ocean Av., Jersey City, N. J., due as per bond, Dec. 24; attorneys, Chrystie, W. & B., 115 Broadway.........$3,500

67TH ST, n s, 100 ft w of Central Park West, 150x100.5; Hotel Des Artistes to Fullerton Weaver Realty Co., 30 East 42d St, Dec. 23, 2 years, 4½ p. c.; attorney, Lawyers Title Co., 160 Broadway....$32,625

116TH ST, n s, 110 ft e of Madison Av, 59x100.11, leasehold, prior mtg $37,666; Christian Dages to Elias Alper, 327 Rockaway Av, Brooklyn, installments, 6 p. c., Dec. 23; attorney, Title Guarantee Co., 176 Broadway.........$1,250

129TH ST, s s, 123.6 ft w of Lenox Av, 26.6x99.11; Otto F. Meeske to Charles F. Bochmann, Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 24, 1 year, 6 p. c.; attorneys, Amend & A., 119 Nassau St.........$15,000

129TH ST, s s, 97 ft w of Lenox Av, 26.6x99.11; Louis Haupt to Charles F. Bochmann, Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 24, 1 year, 6 p. c.; attorneys, Amend & A., 119 Nassau St.........$15,000

133D ST, 156 West, s s, 216.10 ft e of 7th Av, 16.8x99.11; Dora E. Sarasohn to G. Emily Reynolds, 508 West 114th St, Dec. 23, 3 years; attorney, Title Guarantee Co., 176 Broadway.........$4,000

160TH ST, n s, 271.7 ft w of Fort Washington Av, 125x99.11; Hudson View Construction Co. to Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., 27 William St, Dec. 24, 2 years, 6 p. c.; attorney, Lawyers Title Insurance Co., 160 Broadway.........$30,000

160TH ST, n s, 396.7 ft w of Fort Washington Av, 125x99.11; Hudson View Construction Co. to Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., 22 William St, Dec. 24, 2 years, 6 p. c.; attorney, same.........$29,000

Bronx.

LONGFELLOW AV, e s, 275 ft n of 172d St, 25x100; Pasquale Raffolo to Vincenzo Picciotti, 560 E. 189th, prior mtg $5,000, Dec. 22, due Jan. 1, 1915, 6 p. c.; attorney, E. F. Moran, 51 Chambers St.........$2,000

LOT 59, map in partition Wells vs. Storer et al.; John Whalen to Smader Realty Co., 391 E. 149th St, Dec. 24, due as per bond; attorney, Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 176 Broadway.........$2,500

ROGERS PLACE, s e s, 672.4 ft n e of Westchester Av, 30x74; Joseph M. Markham et al. to A. Starr Best, 1,936 Orrington Av, Evanston, Chicago, Ill., and another, trustees, Dec. 22, 5 years, 5½ p. c., attorney, Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 176 Broadway.........$2,000

RECORDED LEASES.

Manhattan.

With name and address of lessee.

AMSTERDAM AV, 1,980, all; Mark L. Kelly to Merritt Rockfellow, 450 St. Nicholas Av, 5 years from Jan. 1, 1915; attorney, W. H. Stewart, 1,639 3d Av.........$3,900

BOWERY, 317, second to sixth floor; Herman Bruns, Jr., to George F. Langenbacher, 756 East 18th St, 5 years from Jan. 1, 1915.........$3,150

MECHANICS' LIENS.

Manhattan.

CENTRAL PARK WEST, w s, whole front between 90th and 91st Sts., 200.5x100; Louis Hershkowitz against Secured Holdings Corp., owner; Charles A. Lindsley, contractor.........$685

CENTRE ST, 139 to 149; Jacob S. Sulsky against Excelsior Estates Co., owner; C. E. Eickhoff, contractor.........$792

WADSWORTH AV, 124; Joseph Spiegel against William Hobson, owner; Aldorf Construction Co., Inc., contractor......$500

WADSWORTH AV, 124 to 128; John R. Hopkin against William Hobson, owner; Aldorf Construction Co., Inc., lessee and contractor.........$287

3D AV, 1,852; Abraham Glaser against Adolph Kreuder, owner; William Salkin, contractor.........$182

8TH AV, s w corner of 27th St, 24.8x60; Sterling Ceiling and Lathing Co. against George W. and Solomon Gallinger, owners; Alois Staudt, contractor.........$41

Bronx.

OLINVILLE AV, e s, 25 ft s of Lester St, 125x100; Joseph Shanske against North Bronx Realty Co., owner; Frank McGarry and North Bronx Realty Co., contractors.........$348

PARK AV, e s, 102 ft n of 167th St, 38.1x100; Church E. Gates & Co., Inc., against Malcke Building Co., owners; William Mensch, contractor.........$1,762

163D ST, 105 West; August Bernhardt against Jennie Hayes, owner and contractor......$25

SATISFIED MECHANICS' LIENS.

Manhattan.

5TH AV, 381; Fulton Iron and Wire Co. against Cammeyer Co. et al., Sept. 4, 1914.........$274

93D ST, 60 West; Harry Marks et al against Roslyn Riordan et al., Oct. 23, 1914.....$83

113TH ST, 501 West; Andrew J. Davis against Hannah Elias et al., Nov. 23, 1914.........$128

NOTE—The satisfied mechanics' lien published yesterday, (Thursday,) which read "Wadsworth Av, w s, 50 ft n of 179th St; John Wanderman against William Hobson et al., Dec. 21, 1914," was an error.

Bronx.

WORKS OF CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE and Electric Subway Co. on Westchester Av line and on Broadway north of 235th St.; Michael F. Maher against Consolidated Telephone and Electric Subway Co. et al., Dec. 22, 1914.........$90

LIS PENDENS.

Manhattan.

AVENUE B, s w corner of 19th St, 84x120; Herrmann & Grace Co. against Brooklyn Structural Steel Corporation et al., (counterclaim;) attorneys, Phillips & Avery.

CANNON ST, 66; Lambert Suydam against Gussie Meyers et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, W. R. Adams.

1ST AV, s w corner of 34th St, 21.3x100; Peter Doelger et al. against John F. Murtha et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, J. C. Hoenninger.

3D AV, s e corner of 61st St, 21.5x70; Greenwich Savings Bank against Ralph W. Mallon et al., (amended foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, B. A. Sands.

12TH ST, 526 East; Frances Haight et al. against Spanier et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, W. M. Powell, Jr.

46TH ST, 606 West; Duncan Smith et al. against Sarah M. Stiassny et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, L. S. Tenney.

45TH ST, 121 West; Architects and Builders Co. against James Hebron et al., (foreclosure of mechanics' lien;) attorney, O. R. Brant.

85TH ST, 207 West; N. Y. Electric Installation Co., Inc., against Jane L. Hayes, (foreclosure of mechanics' lien;) attorney, H. C. Taylor.

108TH ST, n s, 125 ft e of 5th Av, 25x100.9; Samuel Kaplan et al. against Israel Linder et al., (action to set aside deed;) attorney, S. Zasuly.

111TH ST, 255 West; Emma Pretzfeld et al. against Sarah R. Greenblatt et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorneys, Heymann & Herman.

111TH ST, 249 West; Simon Pretzfeld et al. against Sarah R. Greenblatt et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorneys, Heymann & Herman.

111TH ST, 251 West; Samuel H. Wolfe et al. against same, (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorneys, Heymann & Herman.

116TH ST, 123 East; Adrian H. Jackson against Isadore Zagon, (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, S. H. Jackson.

125TH ST, 29 West; Bartow S. Weeks against James Dailey et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, C. J. McDermott.

142D ST, 293 West; Jonas Weil et al. against Isaac N. Jacobson et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, I. S. Heller.

Bronx.

BRYANT AV, 818; Frank Rocco et al. against Albert Gerhards, (action to forecloses mechanics' lien;) attorney, J. Rosenzweig.

DAWSON ST, 681; Bertha Katcher against Carrie Timmers et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorney, B. E. Siegelstein.

LAYTON AV, n e corner of Dean Av, 25x100; Thomas Alteiri against Frank Santamreno et al., (action to foreclose mechanics' lien;) attorney, J. Rosenzweig.

SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, w s, 333.2 ft s of 182d St, 135.8x147.2; Dminick Henry against Samuel Rosenthal et al., (foreclosure of mortgage;) attorneys, Anderson, Iselin & Anderson.

DECISIONS AND CALENDARS.

NEW YORK COUNTY.

Supreme Court.

APPELLATE DIVISION DECISIONS.

Tillie Oshrin, respt., v. Simon Shapiro, applt.—Judgment and order reversed and new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event.

Louis Ettlinger, respt., v. National Surety Co., applt.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs.

Helen Klein, applt., v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America, respt.—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

Frances M. Cavanaugh, indy., &c., respt., v. Josephine A. Murphy et al., applts.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs.

Bank of the Metropolis, respt., v. George McLeish, applt.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs.

Hajek Bros. & Co., respt., v. Theodore Starrett Co., impld., applt.—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

People ex rel. William A. Smith, rel., v. Waldo as Commr., respt.—Writ dismissed and proceedings affirmed, with $50 costs and disbursements.

Hellene Bosztal, as admx., respt., v. H. G. Kotten, applt.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs. No opinion. (Dowling, J., dissenting and voting for reversal and dismissal of complaint on the ground that there is no proof of the defendant's negligence or of the absence of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff.)

Robert L. Fisher, applt., vs. Florence E. Fisher, respt.—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

Alsens American Portland Cement Works, respt., v. New Jersey Dock & Bridge Bldg. Co., applt.—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

Joseph A. Balke, respt., v. Otis Elevator Co., applt.—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

Re George H. Morgan, dec'd.—Decree affirmed, with costs.

People ex rel. Cornelius McNamara, rel., v. Waldo, as Commr., respt.—Writ dismissed and proceedings affirmed, with $50 costs and disbursements.

James Sullivan, infant, respt., v. Jacob Ruppert, applt.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs.

People ex rel. Patrick Reilly, rel., v. Waldo as Commr., respt.—Writ dismissed and proceedings affirmed, with $50 costs and disbursements.

Joseph Tauber, respt., vs. Welsh Machines Works, Inc., applt.—Judgment and order reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event on the ground that the finding that the defendant was negligent was not sustained by the evidence.

Harry Etshalls, respt., v. James F. Fargo, as Treasurer, &c., applt.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs. No opinion. (McLaughlin, J., dissenting.)

Abigail H. Bishop v. James C. Bishop. Re James C. Bishop.—Order so far as appealed from reversed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

James G. Patterson, respt., v. Harry Raymond et al., applts.—Order modified as directed in opinion and as modified affirmed, without costs.

Siegfried Salomon et al., applts., v. Herman Scheyer, respt.—Judgment and order affirmed, with costs.

Same v. same.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

A. Schwoerer & Sons, respt., v. Sylvester Ross, Jr., applt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Harry A. Astlett et al., respts., v. Ponciane Sanchez, Sheriff, N. Y. C., applt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Bertha Solinger, respt., v. Louis Feder et al., applts.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements. No opinion. (McLaughlin, J., dissenting.)

Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co., applt., v. Charles J. Holman, as Treasurer, &c., respt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Clifford F. McAvoy, as trustee, respt., v. Tide Water Oil Co., applt.—Order reversed, with $10 costs and disbursements, and motion denied, with $10 costs, with leave to plaintiff upon payment of such costs to renew on proper papers.

Hoisting Machinery Co., applt., v. Federal Terra Cotta Co., respt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Midtown Contracting Co., applt., v. Louis Goldsticker & ano., respts.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements. No opinion. Order filed.

Milton Saxson, respt., v. N. Y., O. & W. Ry. Co., applt.; Francis H. Kline v. same.—Orders reversed, with $10 costs and disbursements, and motions granted, with $10 costs.

Robert S. Ryan, respt., v. Mary C. C. Clark, indy., &c., applt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements, without prejudice to motion by defendant as stated in opinion.

Michael F. Whalen, respt., v. CNY, applt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Marshall A. Barney, respt., v. Alexander S. Cheesin, applt.—Order reversed, with $10 costs and disbursements and motion granted, with $10 costs.

Anna Jacobson v. Ignatz Jacobson, Max Brown, applt.—Nathaniel Rosenberg, recr., respt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Abraham Greenberg, respt., v. Meyer Goldberg, impld., applt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Same v. Goldberg & Greenberg.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Marie Dressler, applt., v. Keystone Film Co., respt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Anisim Adzerycha, respt., v. Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins Co., applt.—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Re Samuel Leow, respt., v. Fetherston, as Commr., applt.—Order reversed, with $10 costs and disbursements, and motion denied, with $10 costs.

Re William R. Petze.—Orders affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

People ex rel. David Woronoff and ano., applts., v. Peter A. Mallon, Warden, &c., respdt.—Order affirmed on opinion of Bischoff, J.

People, &c., v. Ralph Furcola.—Motion granted.

People, &c., v. Waverly Stokes.—Motion granted.

People ex rel. Simon Goldberger v. Bell, as Commr.—Motion granted, with $10 costs.

People ex rel. Henry A. La Chicotte v. Stevenson, as Commr.; same v. Kingsley L. Martin.—Motion granted, without costs.

Same v. same.—Motion granted, without costs.

Re Samuel B. Hamburger and ano.—Motion denied, with $10 costs.

Howard Slade and ano. v. Frank Squier et al.—Motion granted, with $10 costs.

Re Henry Kupfer & Co.—Motion granted to the extent in order.

Richard Gray v. Robert B. Woodward.—Motion granted without costs.

David Sherard v. A. Nevins Co. et al.—Motion granted with $10 costs.

Tenement House Dept. v. Henry Neugass.—Motion denied without costs, with leave to renew as stated in order.

Lillie G. Eichler v. August Fischer.—Motion granted unless appellant complies with terms stated in order.

N. J. Clay Products Co. v. John H. Parker Co.—Application denied with $10 costs.

Lucy H. Dazey v. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R.—Application denied with $10 costs.

Clarence L. Burger v. George B. Agney.—Application granted.

Same v. same.—Motion granted.

Salvatore Macaluso v. Degnon Contracting Co.—Application denied with $10 costs.

Moritz Wormser v. Marshall Field & Co.—Application denied with $10 costs.

Isidor Tolchinsky v. CNY.—Motion granted. Order filed.

Re William T. Emmet.—Motion denied, with $10 costs.

Francis P. Pace and ano. v. Otto P. Amend et al. Same v. same.—Motions denied, with $10 costs.

Kaufman Costume Co. v. Kaufman Gown Co.—Motion granted; question certified.

Elizabeth A. C. Mecum v. C. Adelbert Becker.—Motion granted. Settle order on notice.

Tenement House Dept. v. Lucy A. McDevitt.—Motion granted.

Margaret A. Lynch v. Anna Murphy.—Motion granted.

Christoforo Mannuzza v. L. Mundet & Son, Inc.—Motion denied, with $10 costs.

Carolina Bosia, as admx., v. Pittsburgh Contracting Co.—Motion denied, with $10 costs.

Perle W. Root v. John M. Brainard.—Motion denied, with $10 costs.

Cecelia De Mitry v. Olin J. Stephens, Inc.; Ulisse De Mitry v. same.—Motion denied with $10 costs.

Perle W. Root v. John M. Brainard.—Motion denied with $10 costs.

Ellen G. Tiern v. Simon M. Platt.—Motion denied with $10 costs.

Nathan Marcus & ano. v. Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland.—Motion denied with $10 costs.

Re Voren & Chait, Inc.—Reargument ordered.

Horace A. Demarest v. Frank A. Carr.—Motion denied with $10 costs.

The Famabrosis Society v. Royal Benefit Society.—Motion for stay granted without costs on condition that appeal is brought on for argument in January; unless case is so argued plaintiff may move to vacate stay.

Re Interboro R. T., (8 Ave. and 162 St. connection.)—Motion granted.

William B. Cagney v. William C. Daly.—Application denied with $10 costs.

Re James Forrester.—Referred to John J. Freedman official referee.

Re Ernest H. Wallace.—Referred to Henry A. Gildersleeve, official referee.

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Thirty-five Cents per agate line.
Count six words to a line.
Telephone 1000 Bryant.

LOST—A large Russian wolfhound, Dec. 24, about 7 o'clock, in the vicinity of 98th and Riverside Drive; the dog answers to name of "Czar." Communicate with Werner, 258 Riverside Drive. Riverside 2400. Liberal reward offered.

LOST—Thursday morning, on 5th Av., between 73d and 85th Sts., a lady's gold watch with pin attached; watch monogrammed "F. C. McL."; reward. Mrs. Allan McLean, 639 Lexington Av. Telephone Plaza 2892.

LOST—Liberal reward; no questions asked; Saturday, Dec. 12, New Haven Road, 9:47 from Greenwich, Conn., ring, ruby surrounded by diamonds, platinum setting. Communicate Dreicer, 5th Av. and 46th St.

LOST.—On Monday, Dec. 21, on Lackawanna train or between Hoboken and Adams Express Building, 61 Broadway, pearl scarfpin. $50 reward on return to Findlay, Room 1,801, 61 Broadway.

LOST—Liberal reward for return of diamond and onyx ring, lost ladies' room, Hotel Claridge, Wednesday night; no questions asked. 12 West 83d St. Phone Schuyler 3952.

LOST—Christmas eve, Persian lamb neckpiece, silk tasseled ends; most likely upper west side to Brooklyn Bridge in Subway; liberal reward. Room 702, 58 Pine St., City.

LOST.—Black leather handbag, between 303 5th Av. and 33d St. Subway, containing working girl's money and railroad ticket; reward. Room 1,002, 303 5th Av.

LOST—Package containing boxes handkerchiefs, Subway South Ferry train, Tuesday. Return Mrs. W. A. Putnam, 70 Willow St., Brooklyn.

LOST—In or near Hotel Astor, leather wallet with name "Clarence Edward Macartney." Return to hotel; suitable reward.

LOST—Gold watch bracelet, 12 diamonds, initials "M. E. T." on back, between 96th and 66th Subway; reward. 319 West 95th.

LOST—Large sapphire diamond circle pin, platinum setting, Monday, 62d to 35th Sts.; suitable reward. 221 West 57th St.

LOST—Black leather card case, on Broadway car, between 98th and 71st Sts.; reward. Sophie Serber, 141 West 111th.

LOST.—Miniature on ivory in small box, 2x3; reward. Return to B. Hines, 209 East 31st St. Phone 5134 Murray Hall.

LOST—A small gold purse, with rubies, in the Waldorf dressing room. Return Mrs. T. J. Connors, 32 East 64th.

LOST—Platinum sapphire bar pin, Madison Av., 72d St., 5th Av., 80th St.; suitable reward. 46 East 79th St.

LOST—Wanamaker's, Saturday, brown skunk muff; reward. Pangborn, 316 West 95th St.

LOST—Gold barpin, with pearls and tourmalines; reward. B. E. Palmer, 366 5th Av.

LOST—Thursday afternoon, large baumartin muff; return, reward. Buzzi, 33 West 67th.

LOST—Knights of Columbus gold fob charm. Return Room 861, 200 5th Av. Reward.

LOST — 76th, West, meshbag with rosary; name on both; reward. 34 West 76th.

LIBERAL REWARD for return of pocketbook containing money and jewelry, lost Wednesday morning, 9th Av., "L" express. Anderson, 28 St. Nicholas Place, near West 152d St.

$100 REWARD; no questions, if person who found diamond and onyx ring, St. Nicholas Rink, Dec. 14, will return to W. H. Mackintosh, 1,372 Broadway.

REWARD—Platinum lavalliere, containing diamond and small pearls. George Schoemaker, Paterson, N. J.

Lost and Found, Cats and Dogs.

LOST—Sunday, 69th, West End Av., Yorkshire Terrier, "William"; $10 reward. MacBRIDE, Hotel Ansonia.

UNWANTED DOGS AND CATS should be taken to the A. S. P. C. A. Shelter for Animals, Av A and 24th St., where owners of lost dogs and cats and responsible persons desiring to secure pets should also apply. The Society conducts a free hospital for animals at the same address.

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SUMMONSES.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, NEW York County.—HELEN BODNAR, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN KIRSHNER, Defendant.

To the above-named defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear, or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated New York, December 10th, 1913.

ISIDOR L. DANIELS, Attorney for Plaintiff; Office and P. O. Address, 260 Madison St., Manhattan, New York City.

To John Kirshner:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Vernon M. Davis, a Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, dated the 20th day of November, 1914, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, at the County Court House, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 23d day of November, 1914.

ISIDOR L. DANIELS, Attorney for Plaintiff; Office and P. O. Address, 260 Madison Street, Manhattan, New York City.

ASSIGNEE SALES.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

Stock of millinery, trimmings, fixtures, &c., belonging to The French Artistic Millinery, Inc., will be sold at Public Auction Saturday morning, 26th inst., at 9:30 at its premises, No. 578 Sutter Av., Brooklyn.

SAM PEARL, Assignee.

SAMUEL B. POLLAK, World Bldg., City, Attorney for Assignee.

FIVE DEAD IN FIRE; POLICE RESCUE MANY

Swarmed Into Burning Tenement and Aroused 100 Sleeping Persons.

VICTIMS CAUGHT IN BED

Telephone Operator Takes Call for Ambulances to House Where Mother and Brothers Die.

Fire which started in the basement of the five-story tenement house at 316 West Forty-ninth Street about 4:15 o'clock yesterday morning leaped up through the dumb-waiter shaft to the top of the building. Cut off by the roof, the column of fire and smoke rushing up this wooden chimney burst into an apartment on the fifth floor, where Mrs. Mary Corso, her three sons, and Grace Amendola, a niece, were asleep. All five fell to the floor suffocated before they could reach the window opening on the fire escape.

Because of the promptness of several policemen who rushed into the burning building, 100 other people asleep in the building were able to escape from their apartments, which the fire and smoke did not reach until the flames had made their way more slowly up the stairway. Only one of them was seriously burned, and that was Mrs. Anna Taylor, who ran back, after she had reached the fire escape, to rescue insurance papers from her apartment on the third floor.

Those who were found dead in the apartment on the fifth floor were:

AMENDOLA, GRACE, 8 years, the visiting niece, who lived with her parents at Eighty-fourth Street and Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn.

CORSO, CHARLES, 21 years, a clerk.

CORSO, FRANK, 19 years, a clerk.

CORSO, HARRY, 7 years.

CORSO, Mrs. MARY, 48 years.

The injured were:

BAUMANN, Mrs. KATE, 56 years, overcome by smoke.

DUNPHY, STEPHEN N., policeman; treated at Polyclinic Hospital for sprained wrist and burns about the face.

TAYLOR, Mrs. ANNA, 35 years; at the Polyclinic Hospital in a critical condition from burns about the back.

Policeman Quick to Rescue.

Policeman Louis Fick of the West Forty-seventh Street Station discovered the fire when he saw the glare over the roof of the building and started to run toward an alarm box, rapping the sidewalk with his nightstick. A few minutes later Battalion Chief Owen McKiernan, who, with his men and apparatus, was returning from another fire to his station, at Forty-eighth Street and Ninth Avenue, saw the blaze. The fire apparatus was faced about and driven swiftly around in front of the burning building, which several policemen from the West Forty-seventh Street Station, had already entered.

Crowds of tenants, many of them women and children, in their night clothes, were already out on their fire-escapes, which communicated with the windows of buildings on either side. Several extension ladders were hastily run up and the firemen began carrying down tenants, while others were taken into adjoining buildings.

Mrs. Anna Taylor, who lived on the third floor with her three sons, had reached the fire escape in the rear with them, when she called out, "I must go back. I will be out in a minute."

She climbed through the window into the building again and ran to her apartment. Policeman Dunphy, a "rookie," who had run through the front entrance and up the stairs of the burning building, and was rapping his club on doors to arouse tenants, arrived at the third floor as the woman staggered from her apartment, insurance papers in hand, beating at the flames which had caught her nightgown. Dunphy carried her to the roof and firemen took her down through an adjoining building.

Dunphy ran back into the building and down the stairs, which by this time were ablaze in several places. Overcome by smoke, he stumbled as he was running down the flight to the first floor and fell into the arms of Policeman Enwright, who, with Policeman Fick, both new recruits on the force, had just carried out a crippled girl, and Mrs. Kate Baumann, a partially blind woman, who lived on the first floor.

Telephone Operator Bereaved.

The prompt appearance of Chief McKiernan and his battalion and the fast work of the young policemen prevented a long list of deaths and serious injuries which seemed inevitable, so rapidly did the flames spread through the upper stories of the building. All of the tenants except those who had met sudden death on the top floor had been carried down the ladder or into the adjoining tenement houses by the time water began to play on the fire.

The first call for ambulances went to the Polyclinic Hospital, where the night telephone operator was Arthur Corso, a son of Mrs. Mary Corso. He became nervous about the safety of the family, and when three ambulances and six surgeons had been sent out he obtained relief and ran to the burning building.

He arrived just as Battalion Chief McKiernan and Firemen Gillen, Tobin, and Ryan were carrying down from the top floor, where water was pouring into the flames, the bodies of his mother, his three brothers, and his cousin. Drs. Colgan, Harness, and Manning worked over them for half an hour with a pulmotor. Only Mrs. Corso showed any signs of life, but efforts to restore her soon became hopeless.

Arthur Corso, the telephone operator, said his cousin had visited them the day before to get Christmas presents to take to her family in Brooklyn, and had decided to stay over night.

Scores of the rescued tenants, who stood in the street shivering in their nightdresses and coats which had been loaned them by neighbors, were taken into the parlor of the Elmsford Apartments at Forty-ninth Street and Eighth Avenue, where they were warmly wrapped up and hot coffee was given to them.

The fire was confined to the basement, the dumbwaiter shaft, and the two upper floors. The damage was estimated at $10,000. The cause has not been discovered.

STORE DETECTIVE BEATEN.

Couple Accused of Stealing Gowns Turn on Girl in 5th Avenue.

Mabel Hall of 621 West 135th Street and Edward Greiner of 221 West Forty-ninth Street were held in $1,000 bail each last night for trial in Yorkville Court on Saturday by Magistrate Krotel in Night Court on a charge of stealing gowns worth $400 from Oppenheim, Collins & Co. of 35 West Thirty-fourth Street.

May Boyler, a store detective, testified that she saw Greiner take three silk gowns from a counter and hand them to Miss Hall, who hid them under her coat. Miss Boyler followed them to Fifth Avenue, asked the woman for the gowns, and tried to take them.

There was a fight, which attracted a crowd of Christmas shoppers. Miss Boyler's waist was torn off, and she was being severely handled when City Detectives McMann and Faylan arrested Greiner and Miss Hall. Neither was able to give bail and both were locked up.

Max Young Remembers Nurse.

Max L. Young, hatter, who died Dec. 20, directs in his will, filed yesterday, that his nurse, Lilly J. Delaney, receive $3,000 from the estate, and Nora Callahan, a maid, $500. The rest of the estate, composed mainly of 375 shares of the capital stock of Young Bros., and 300 shares of the capital stock of the Young Hat Company, is divided between his widow, Mrs. Rose W. Young, and his son, Max L., Jr.

QUINCY A. SHAW ILL.

Boston Copper Financier Breaks Down from Overwork.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Quincy A. Shaw, President of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, has been compelled to relinquish all business as well as his diversified athletic and social activities because of a physical and nervous breakdown, according to a statement made by his uncle, Major Henry L. Higginson, today.

Mr. Shaw's condition is due to overwork. He is now in the care of physicians, who have directed that he give up all business and take a rest.

Mr. Shaw has been actively engaged in the affairs of the Calumet properties for ten years, during which time he has been confronted with the problems of the futile attempt to consolidate the several copper companies of Northern Michigan; a strike of Calumet miners, resulting in a Federal investigation, and, finally, the depression in the copper business caused by the war. Throughout his business troubles Mr. Shaw continued his interest in amateur sports, particularly golf, polo, lawn and court tennis, and racquets. He was at one time National champion in racquets. It was this combination which proved too much for mind and body, Major Higginson said. He added: "Mr. Shaw first showed evidences of breaking down a few days ago. On Sunday he failed to keep a dinner engagement at my home and my inquiries convinced me that immediate medical treatment was required. Since that time he has been under the care of physicians."

TO USE SCHOOLGIRL COOKS.

Supt. Maxwell Proposes That They Prepare Food for Poor Pupils.

Superintendent Maxwell has submitted to the Board of Education a plan to supply food to hungry school children at nominal cost. The plan is to abandon on Feb. 1 regular instruction in cooking, to purchase utensils, and to have cooking class pupils prepare soup, cocoa, bread, &c., to be distributed among unnourished children at 1 cent a portion.

About $5,000 is needed and it is hoped that the amount will be donated by philanthropic persons. Any sum left after the purchase of utensils would be divided among school Principals, so they could buy 1-cent meals for pupils too poor to buy their own.

ORIENTAL TEMPLARS HERE.

New English Organization May Have Headquarters at Larchmont.

The Oriental Templar Order, an English organization which combines some features of Freemasonry and of the Elks, is extending its activities to this country. Although founded only two and a half years ago, it has already thousands of members.

One feature is the acquisition of estates on which members can reside, although there is nothing resembling the usual community about the Oriental Templars' establishments.

The Grand Master of the order recently arrived in New York, and is said to be negotiating for the purchase of property at Larchmont with a view to making it the headquarters of the American branch.

OREGON WHEAT AT $1.23.

New High Record on the Coast—Farmers Holding Back Supply.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—A high price record for coast wheat was reached today when 10,000 bushels were sold at $1.23. The fact that some of the Eastern Oregon Winter wheat acreage must be reseeded, owing to the cold weather, has caused farmers to withhold supplies.

Europe is bidding for stocks of wheat, oats, and barley.

John T. Kelly Sued for Separation.

John T. Kelly, the actor, was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday for a separation by Dolores Florence Kelly, who alleges he treated her cruelly at their home in Elmhurst, L. I., and finally left her to live at the Palace Hotel in this city. She asks the court to allow her $40 a week alimony, saying that her husband earned $9,000 a year. The couple were married on Aug. 27, 1913, at Bayonne, N. J.

NUDE MAN JUMPS 6 STORIES TO DEATH

Shoppers Saw Colin S. Craig, Artist, Make Leap from Window of Fleischman Baths.

DEAD WHEN PICKED UP

Note Dunning Him for Rent Was Found in His Pocket—He Recently Was Divorced.

Several folk waiting on the uptown platform of the elevated at Forty-second Street and Sixth Avenue shortly after 10 o'clock last night saw a window in the Fleishman Baths, on the sixth flor of the Fleischman Building, at the northeast corner of the street, raised and the nude figure of a man bather appear there. As they watched he climbed on to the window-sill and plunged down into the street. His body brushed a pedestrian as he struck the sidewalk.

The cries of the spectators brought Policeman Griswold from the corner and he carried the body into the baths while he ordered someone to send for an ambulance. The man had been killed instantly, however. He had registered at the baths as Colin S. Craig of 1 Union Square, and the management said that he had been a visitor to the baths several times before and was an artist. His home was at Hastings-on-the-Hudson.

Mr. Craig appeared perfectly normal when he arrived at the baths about 9:30 o'clock last night, according to the attendants. They were positive he had not been drinking. He registered and was shown to a room, where he disrobed, and then went into the hot room. It was early for Turkish bath frequenters, and the place was deserted.

The attendants left Mr. Craig alone, expecting him to ring when he wished to leave the room; but when he had not done so after three-quarters of an hour one of them went to investigate. He found the room deserted, and went next to the steam room. There he saw the open window.

As he reached the office to report Griswold appeared with Mr. Craig's body. It was taken to the East Fifty-first Street Station. He was about 42 years old.

Craig's head was not crushed by the long plunge from the window. Dr. Brace of Flower Hospital said he had probably struck the sidewalk on his side or back and that internal injuries caused his death.

In addition to the small amount in cash, he had a monthly commutation ticket on the New York Central to Hastings and a watch. That he was in financial difficulty was indicated by a letter sent to him by a real estate agent asking him to pay the rent of his studio. Although Craig had registered at the baths as from 1 Union Square, the demand for rent was for rooms in the building at 31 and 33 East Twenty-seventh Street. In his pocket also was a pawn ticket for a ring he had pledged in November for $1.50, the key to a safety deposit vault, and a card from the Public Library at Fifth Avenue and Forty-second Street.

WAR SUICIDE ON XMAS DAY.

Austrian Girl Made Despondent by Bad News of Brothers.

Fannie Archer, a twenty-year-old servant girl, employed at 622 West 114th Street, called at 547 West 123d Street shortly after midnight this morning and asked for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson, the janitor, and his wife. The negro elevator boy went to the basement and returned with Johnson. The girl was not in the hall. Fresh snow on the stairs led the janitor to the roof. Steps in the snow led to the edge of the roof in the rear of the building. He ran downstairs and to the yard. The girl lay there senseless but breathing. She died a moment after Dr. Fechtig of the Knickerbocker Hospital arrived.

Johnson said the girl had come here from Austria two years ago. He had seen her last a month ago. Then she seemed happy. Recently he had heard from friends that she was despondent because she had had no word from two brothers fighting in the Austrian Army.

It is supposed that word came to her of their injury or death.

DENIES CHRISTY WAS SUICIDE

Superintendent at Greystone Says Coachman's Death Was Accidental.

William H. Waite, Superintendent at Greystone, Samuel Untermyer's country place in Yonkers, denied last night that Victor Christy, a former coachman who was found dead in a bathroom Wednesday morning, had committed suicide.

Christy left Mr. Untermyer's service several months ago to take a place with the Automobile Club at higher wages than he had been receiving. He was out of work when he went to Greystone Tuesday evening and had arranged to stay with a friend in Yonkers till after New Year's. Mr. Waite said Christy was in good spirits when he retired for the night in a room that had been provided for him.

"That he did not commit suicide," said Mr. Waite, "was shown by the fact that the door and window of the bathroom had been left open. He had evidently become ill in the night and gone to the bathroom. He must have tried to light the gas, but collapsed after turning it on and before he had ignited it."

SAY COLE IS A FUGITIVE.

President of a Chicago Engraving Company Is Arrested Here.

Charles L. Cole, President of the McLallen Engraving Company of Chicago and son-in-law of former State Senator George Newman of Illinois, was arrested yesterday at St. Paul's Hotel, Sixtieth Street and Columbus Avenue, on the charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken before Commissioner Houghton and was there held in $2,500 bail to go back to Chicago. In the absence of a surety he was committed to the Tombs over Christmas Day.

According to the charge brought against Cole in Chicago, he advertised for a manager for the McLallen Engraving Company and informed applicants that it was doing a thriving business. As a matter of fact, it is alleged, the company was not earning the amount represented to the applicants.

DANCERS GO ON DESPITE FIRE

Smoke from Closet Blaze at Reisenweber's Invades 400 Club Ball.

George Pharnakis, an elevator man at Reisenweber's, Fifty-eighth Street and Eighth Avenue, noticed smoke coming under the elevator door at the third floor last evening, and, investigating, found a store closet near the shaft in flames. He got down the hose hanging in the hall, started the water, and then summoned Manager Kyne.

With the help of waiters they put out the fire, though not until a window had been broken into the ballroom, where the Four Hundred Club was giving a dance. Smoke poured into the room, but the dancers had been told of the blaze and were not alarmed.

It is supposed that a carpet sweeping machine caused the fire by igniting a match, which set the accumulation of waste and dust to smoldering until it burst into flame in the closet.

Woman Guilty of Stock Fraud.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Anette Loder, who was brought back to Seattle from Galesburg, Ill., to stand trial on a charge of using the mails to defraud in the sale of stock of the Kupreanof Copper Mining and Smelting Company of Alaska, was found guilty tonight by a jury in the United States District Court. The Government alleged that Mrs. Loder, who was President of the company, sold stock after it went into the hands of a receiver and induced [illegible] in Eastern cities to buy by [illegible]enting that she would give the purchaser highly remunerative employment.

Fine Woman Salary Loan Agent.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24. — Miss Mildred L. Martin, manager of Roberts & Co., a loan concern, today was fined $100 and costs in the Municipal Court for violating the State salary loan law. She testified that the loan company she managed was owned by E. E. Tolman, son of D. H. Tolman of New York.

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Empire Flare models of Broadtail Cloth, Peau de Souris, Duvetyn and Chiffon Broadcloth, trimmed with Leopard, Chinchilla Squirrel, Beaver, Hudson Seal and Skunk Raccoon; short jackets, flare skirts, fancy silk linings. Former Prices to $59.50
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